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**LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Los Banos Police Officers recognized for recovery of stolen vehicles

Today, two officers with the Los Banos Police Department were recognized for the recovery of stolen vehicles in Los Banos. The “10851” award is recognizes officers for their recovery of stolen vehicles. “10851” is the California Vehicle Code section for possession of a stolen vehicle.

Officer Matt Weiss received his first “10851” pin for his recovery of 12 stolen vehicles in a year. Officer Todd Pricolo was awarded his 5<sup>th</sup> pin, also referred to as a “Master” pin for his recovery of stolen vehicles.

“The pin is white and blue and is proudly worn on the officers’ uniform to signify their achievement.”

Gary Brizzee, Commander

Officer Pricolo is one of very few Los Banos Officers to be awarded their 5<sup>th</sup> pin. In his seven years of service with the Department Officer Pricolo has produced some impressive numbers. He has recovered 69 stolen vehicles and made 33 arrests as a result of those recoveries.

There are three different ways to earn a pin:

1. Recover 12 stolen vehicles, with a least 3 drivers arrested, in a one year period.
2. Recover six occupied stolen vehicles in a one year period.
3. Discover a stolen vehicle “chop shop,” with at least two arrests and recovery of 10 vehicles or vehicle components.

“This is quite an achievement for Todd, we are all very proud of him. Now that he’s reached this achievement don’t expect him to slow down. Recovering these vehicles is definitely a challenge and I think that motivates him.”

Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police

Remember, if you have information regarding a crime you are strongly encouraged to contact the Los Banos Police Department at **209 827 7070**. To leave an anonymous crime tip call, **209 827 7070 X 288**.

If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip, just go to the Police Departments web page at [www.losbanos.org](http://www.losbanos.org). At the bottom of the “Contact” page simply click on the “report graffiti and other crime” link.