

## Summary of PARKER Search Warrant Service

After several months of investigation, an ARPA search warrant was served on the residence of Donald and Steven PARKER in Folsom, CA. The PARKERs were believed to have taken artifacts from NPS, USFS, FWS and Sacramento County Park lands.

The warrant was served on Saturday March 3, 2007 by agents from the NPS and FWS and Rangers from the NPS and Sacramento County Parks. Agents interviewed several occupants of the property as well as numerous neighbors.

Searchers found and seized three computers, two GPS units, maps, several hundred photographs showing the PARKERs searching for and collecting artifacts, and other documentary evidence.

Searchers also discovered approximately 38,000 artifacts on the property and in the vehicles associated with the property. These artifacts included beads and other burial objects such as abalone breastplates and pendants, projectile points, mortars, pestles, metates, and stone tools. About 100 evidence lots were seized that included roughly 500 artifacts that may have come from federal lands.

Interviews resulted in admissions that:

- Donald and Steven PARKER went to northern Nevada on two occasions (2003 and 2006) and collected artifacts from BLM land. These artifacts were recovered at the PARKER residence. The PARKERs knew this activity was illegal.
- Steven PARKER took artifacts from the American River Parkway (PARKER consented to the return of some of these to Sacramento County Parks).
- Many trips were made to Modoc County in Northern California to collect artifacts. At least some of this collecting activity occurred on USFS lands.
- About six months ago Donald PARKER had attempted to sell some strands of beads that he had previously obtained from a Native American burial.



Analysis of seized photographs, maps with markings, GPS data, computers and other seized documents may well reveal illegal collecting activity and/or sales at other locations.

Left: Artifacts found in one of the safes on the PARKER property.

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