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**Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III Announces Bernalillo
County Sheriff's Office Detectives Solve Auto
Burglary of KOB 4 News Vehicle and Recover \$5,000
In Stolen Equipment**

Albuquerque, NM - On June 19th, 2020 While interviewing an arrestee that stemmed from a call for service in the South Area Command of Bernalillo County, Community Action Team (CAT) detectives received credible information regarding a recent burglary that had occurred to a KOB 4 News Van. Reliable information was provided that the suspect, Justin Baca, was currently on probation. The New Mexico Probation and Parole Department (PPD) was contacted and informed of the information received about their current subject. PPD decided to conduct a house check and asked for BCSO to assist for scene security reasons. PPD conducted their house check without incident and about \$5,000 of the stolen merchandise was recovered.

"I am proud of the collaborative effort of our detectives and their diligent work to combat crime throughout Albuquerque." said **Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III**, "collaborative policing emphasizes proactive problem solving."

Justin Baca was arrested regarding PPD's investigation and observed violations. The burglary investigation will be taken over and conducted by BCSO CAT detectives once PPD is done processing their investigation in days to come. The victim, a news photographer for KOB 4, was notified of the recovery and will be able to get their property back. They were very grateful for BCSO and PPD's quick response in locating and recovering their equipment.



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