



## **\$26,000 Worth of Laptops Stolen From Monterey School**

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MONTEREY, Calif. - Nineteen laptop computers were stolen from Colton Middle School sometime between last Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, estimated to be a total loss of more than \$26,000.

Monterey Police say the computers were kept inside a classroom that had been broken into sometime after 2 p.m. on June 5, the school's last day of the year, and Sunday 11 a.m. Police say a teacher in neighboring classroom noticed a window broken; the laptops were stored inside a cart and it's believed more than one suspect was needed to get each computer over the school's gates.

The computers were all HP Compaq laptops, model NX6125; each is valued at around \$1,400. Police say evidence was collected at the scene, but are asking the public to be aware when buying used computers. The computers' serial numbers have been registered as stolen property and all carry markings as Monterey Peninsula School District property.

School principal Kim Cooper says it's a major hit to the school; Cooper expects insurance may be able to cover the loss of one computer, but regards the burglary as a total loss.



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