LANCASTER - A burglary investigation that started when a homeowner interrupted two teenage intruders ended with the arrest of 15-year-old and 16-year-old boys already on probation for burglary as well as of three men and three women on suspicion of child endangerment.

When they went to the home of one of the boys to arrest him, deputies found a nine-month-old girl sleeping in a bed they described as filthy, as well as trash and old food scattered around the home's interior, broken glass on the floor, and spoiled food in the refrigerator, plus bags of garbage piled four feet high and 10 feet wide in a side yard, Sgt. Mark Machanic of the Lancaster Sheriff's Station Burglary Suppression Team.

The baby's parents, identified as Stephanie Allen, 40, and Deandre Holifield, 26, were arrested on suspicion of child endangerment. So were four other persons who were identified as either relatives or friends of Allen and who were living in the home, Machanic said.

Precious Flowers, 21, Teonna Dean, 20, Shakazulu Moore, 19, and Trevon Harris, 21, were arrested on suspicion of child endangerment because they told deputies they shared responsibility for the condition of the house and for the care of the baby while her parents were away, Machanic said.

The investigation started after Lancaster Sheriff's Station patrol deputies responded to a burglary-in-progress call about 11 a.m. Thursday in the 1600 block of Silvia Avenue. Deputies said a homeowner discovered two teenagers breaking into his home. Deputies arrested one teenage boy there but a second eluded them.

Burglary Suppression Team and Lancaster Community Appreciation Project deputies responded to the location to assist patrol deputies and during their investigation the second boy was identified, Machanic said.

Deputies went to the boy's home in the 45000 block of Colleen Drive, less than a block away from the break-in, and arrested him. Further investigation linked both boys to another home burglary, Machanic said.

Both were on probation for burglary and they were taken to Sylmar Juvenile Hall with no bail. Burglary Suppression Team deputies are investigating whether the boys were involved in other burglaries in the area, Machanic said.

After they saw the condition of the Colleen Drive house, deputies notified the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, whose investigators took the baby into protective custody.

Allen, Holifield, Flowers, Dean, Moore and Harris were jailed in lieu of bail of $100,000 each,
Machanic said.

City Code Enforcement officers were called out to inspect the house, he said.