



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MAN ARRESTED FOR IMPERSONATING A PEACE OFFICER

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Burbank, California – On July 11, 2022, at about 4:45 p.m., Burbank Police officers responded to the area of Alameda Avenue and Lake Street regarding reports of a male believed to be impersonating a peace officer and attempting to pull motorists over by illuminating a red and blue light that was affixed to the vehicle’s dashboard.

When the officers arrived, they spoke with the victim, who said he was driving eastbound on the 134 freeway to the northbound 5 freeway when he was suddenly cut off by a gold-colored Ford Crown Victoria. The Crown Victoria then repositioned behind the victim’s vehicle, illuminated a red and blue flashing light, and the headlights began flashing. The victim was skeptical the Crown Victoria was a law enforcement vehicle; therefore, he called the police.

Officers located the suspect’s vehicle parked at a gas station, located at 201 West Alameda Avenue, in the City of Burbank. Officers spoke with the occupant of the vehicle and saw the vehicle had a lightbar affixed to the upper portion of the windshield.

During a search of the vehicle, officers recovered a scanner, a camera positioned on the dash, and a black-colored stainless steel bb gun from the front compartment of the vehicle. Further, the officers confirmed the lightbar worked, displayed a red and blue light, and discovered the vehicle was equipped with a working siren.

The suspect has been identified as 45-year-old Akop Ananyan, a resident of Glendale, CA. He was placed under arrest and booked for impersonating a peace officer, a misdemeanor. Mr. Ananyan has since posted bond and is due to appear in court on August 1, 2022. Formal charges are pending review by the City Attorney’s Office.

Investigators are speaking with surrounding agencies inquiring if there are additional victims of Mr. Ananyan’s actions. Additionally, it is believed other victims of similar activity may be in the Los Angeles County area. If you, or someone you know, may have been victimized in the manner described, please call Detective Kristiana Sanchez at (818) 238-3210.

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