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PORCH PACKAGE THIEVES ARRESTED

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Burbank, California – On July 18, 2017, at about 3:10 P.M., Burbank Police responded to the 600 block of South Griffith Drive to investigate two packages stolen from the front porches of two different homes. A witness reported seeing two males stealing the packages and then running from the area.

When police officers arrived, they located and detained two men who matched the description provided by the witness. The men were out breath and admitted to police officers that they'd just stolen packages from nearby homes. During the investigation, police officers learned the suspects had stolen a package from one home, carried it away, and then left it behind before stealing a second package from another home.

The suspects have been identified as Sage Del Castillo, an 18-year-old resident of Burbank, and Angel Herrera who is also 18 from Burbank. During a search, a portable GPS device was found in Herrera's possession. Herrera admitted to stealing the GPS device from an unlocked vehicle earlier in the day. Both were placed under arrest and booked into the Burbank City Jail.

On July 19, the Burbank City Attorney's Office filed two counts each of petty theft and receiving stolen property against Del Castillo and Herrera. They both appeared before a judge in the Burbank Courthouse and pled no contest to the charges, accepting responsibility for the crimes. Since neither suspect had any prior criminal history, both qualified for a court diversion program consisting of community service and informal probation.

The Burbank Police Department would like to remind the public to take steps in preventing porch package thefts. If you're expecting a package, try to be home to accept it or make arrangements to have it delivered at a time when someone is home. Make sure you set up email or text alerts upon delivery and consider having someone you trust accept the package on your behalf if you are unable to. You should also require a signature for packages, especially those that contain valuable items. If you routinely have packages delivered when you aren't home, explore options for delivery lockers or postal mail boxes.

As always, report suspicious activity to the Burbank Police at (818) 238-3000.

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