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## **BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

## STABBING INVESTIGATION MAN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPT MURDER

DATE: August 17, 2016

Yesterday evening, at about 9:20 pm, Burbank Police Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of San Jose Avenue regarding a man-down, who had been stabbed. Upon arrival, officers located a 21 year-old Burbank resident suffering from multiple stab wounds lying in the street.

The victim was treated at the scene by officers and Burbank Fire Department Paramedics before being transported to a local hospital where he is listed in serious condition, but expected to survive.

While investigating the scene on San Jose Avenue, officers were dispatched to McCambridge Park, 1515 N. Glenoaks Boulevard, regarding a bloody man with a knife in the gym area. Responding officers detained the man without incident. He has been identified as 18 year-old Brandon Benavides of Burbank.

Based on evidence, statements and the close proximity of time and locations, the officers determined Benavides was the person who stabbed the victim found on San Jose Avenue. He was placed under arrest and booked into the Burbank City Jail for attempt murder. Benavides is being held in-lieu of \$1,000,000 bail. He is due to appear in court tomorrow.

It did not appear the victim had been stabbed on San Jose Avenue or at McCambridge Park. This morning investigators were able to locate the crime scene in the flood control basin above Bel Aire Ball Field, 1750 N. Bel Aire Drive. They were able to collect evidence at the scene.

Interviews with witnesses are on-going as is this investigation.

Anyone who was present or has information related to this incident is urged to contact Detective Adam Baumgarten at (818) 238-3210. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477); use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP" or by using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org.

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