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TWO ARRESTED, CHARGED IN PERFUME HEIST

Over \$19,000 in fragrances recovered

May 8, 2018

Burbank, California – A man and woman from Reseda, California have been arrested and charged following a late night burglary and perfume theft at Ulta Beauty.

Just after midnight on May 6, 2018, Burbank Police responded to Ulta Beauty, located at 1351 Victory Place, after a report of a window smash and burglary alarm activation. When police officers arrived, they found a shattered store front window and a substantial quantity of perfumes and fragrances stolen from the store.

Within minutes, Burbank Police Officers were notified that some of the stolen perfumes were equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking devices. This allowed officers to view and track the location of the perfumes in real time. The tracking system led police officers along the 118 freeway towards Reseda. At about 1:00 A.M., Burbank Police Officers were assisted by Los Angeles Police Department Officers and Air Support, as the suspect vehicle was located and stopped in the 21000 block of Roscoe Boulevard, in the City of Canoga Park.

A man and woman inside the vehicle were detained. Police officers searched the vehicle and found the stolen Ulta perfumes along with several items and tools commonly associated with burglary and theft-related activity. The suspects were placed under arrest and booked into the Burbank City Jail. They have since been identified as Giovanni Lopez-Valencia, a 27-year-old man from Reseda, and 33-year-old Mariel Miranda-Guerra, also from Reseda.

On May 7, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed one count each of burglary and grand theft against Lopez-Valencia and Miranda-Guerra. They are each being held on \$250,000 bail and are due in court today.

The recovered perfumes were returned to Ulta Beauty and had an estimated value at over \$19,000.

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