



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

### THREATS SUSPECT DIES AFTER FIGHT WITH POLICE UPDATE #1

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR THREATENING OFFICERS WITH A GUN

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Burbank, CA – As [reported last night](#), the Burbank Police Department responded to a home in Burbank to conduct a criminal threats investigation. The female victim of the criminal threats reported that her ex-father-in-law had gone to her home and threatened her life.

After taking the woman's statement, two Burbank Police Officers, each with over six years of law enforcement experience, responded to a home in the 500 block of N. Mariposa St. to speak with the suspect. The officers made contact with the suspect, 66 year-old Thomas Wayne Binkley, outside the home. While speaking with the officers, Thomas Binkley became verbally confrontational and ultimately physically assaulted the officers. During the altercation, one of the officers discharged his Conducted Energy Device ("Taser"), which stopped the assault on the officers.

A second man, who had been identified as 65 year-old Steve Leroy Binkley, Thomas' brother, came to the door of the home threatening the officers while brandishing a handgun. This forced the officers to reposition themselves behind cover and call for assistance.

Steve Binkley remained barricaded in the home for about 40 minutes, before exiting without further incident. The officers were able to rescue Thomas Binkley during the barricade situation and remove him from the immediate area, where he could be treated by paramedics. He was later pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office responded and will rule on Thomas Binkley's cause of death.

Steve Binkley was arrested and booked into the Burbank City Jail on one count of threatening a public officer. He is being held in-lieu of \$25,000 bail and due to appear in court Friday morning.

The handgun believed to have been used in the threat against the officers by Steve Binkley was recovered during the service of a search warrant inside the home this morning.

This investigation is on-going.

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