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MAN ARRESTED FOR NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

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Burbank, California – On July 17, 2022, at about 3:50 a.m., the Burbank Police Department received reports of gunfire in the area of Grismer Avenue and Rogers Place.

When the officers arrived, they heard what they, too, believed to be gunshots coming from the backyard of a residence in the 1500 block of Grismer Avenue. A perimeter was established around the property where the suspect was believed to be located. A police helicopter responded and confirmed a man was walking in the backyard of the residence, while holding a rifle.

Several verbal announcements were made instructing the suspect to surrender. A short time later, the suspect approached officers on foot, unarmed, and surrendered. Five other occupants of the house also exited and were interviewed by officers.

Burbank Police Detectives conducted a search of the suspect's residence pursuant to a search warrant and recovered one shotgun, two pistols, and two rifles, along with ten expended cartridges in the rear patio area of the property.

During the investigation, detectives learned the suspect was under the influence of alcohol and had discharged his guns into the rear yard of his property. Fortunately, no one was injured as a result of the suspect's actions.

The suspect has been identified as 48-year-old Justin Vanfleet of Burbank. He was placed under arrest and booked for willful discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner, a felony. Mr. Vanfleet has since posted bond and is due to appear in court on August 11, 2022. Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

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