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## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

### NATIONAL "BLITZ" OPERATION AGAINST ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME

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**Burbank, California** – The Burbank Police Department, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Organized Retail Crime Association (LAORCA) and the Cook County State’s Attorney Regional Organized Crime Task Force (state of Illinois), recently participated in a nationwide operation, dubbed “*Blitz*,” between May 26 and June 1, 2025. This cooperation was focused on disrupting organized retail theft operations and holding individuals accountable for stealing merchandise from local businesses.

During the operation, the Burbank Police Department worked jointly with loss prevention agents from several Empire Center retailers, including Marshall’s, TJ Maxx, Walmart, Target, REI, and ULTA. for the targeted “*Blitz*” operation. Operating in both undercover and uniformed capacities, detectives and police officers witnessed multiple crimes being committed, including petty theft, grand theft, robbery, possession of re-encoded credit cards, and identity theft.

Additionally, detectives from the Burbank Police Department’s Investigation Division Property Detail conducted multiple enforcement actions throughout Los Angeles County, including the execution of search and arrest warrants, surveillance operations, and the apprehension of suspects involved in organized retail theft, repeat theft offenses, and burglaries linked to South American Theft Groups (SATG).

The Burbank Police Department’s participation in this operation resulted in the arrest of nineteen (19) individuals for various felony and misdemeanor theft-related offenses.

This effort highlights the Burbank Police Department’s ongoing commitment to combating theft crimes that impact local businesses and the community. These operations are essential in promoting a deterrence against organized retail crime and addressing repeat offenders.

The Burbank Police Department is grateful for the partnership and collaborative working relationship with the Los Angeles Organized Retail Crime Association, Cook County State’s Attorney Regional Organized Crime Task Force, our retail partners, and all other involved allied agencies.

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