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SUSPECT ARRESTED FOLLOWING PURSUIT, STANDOFF

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Burbank, California – A Santa Fe Springs man is in-custody after leading police on a high speed pursuit Sunday evening.

On February 23, 2020, at about 10:15 pm, a Burbank Police Officer attempted to contact the driver of a Nissan Frontier pickup truck near the Ramada by Wyndham Hotel (2900 N. San Fernando Blvd.). The driver of the truck, later identified as Michael Shawn Wedge, fled from the officer and nearly struck him with his vehicle. Mr. Wedge led Burbank Police and California Highway Patrol Officers on a pursuit, south along the Interstate 5 Freeway and east on the 60 Freeway, before stopping in Whittier.

At the termination of the pursuit, a female adult passenger was detained in the vehicle, but Mr. Wedge fled on foot. With the assistance of C.H.P., Whittier P.D., and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a perimeter was established. It was believed that Mr. Wedge entered a residential apartment within the perimeter.

Shortly after establishing the perimeter, an adult female fled from an apartment and contacted police officers nearby. She told the officers that Mr. Wedge had barged into her apartment and barricaded the front door with furniture. The woman was able to leave the apartment through another door before contacting the officers. However, Mr. Wedge remained inside and refused to exit the apartment.

Burbank Police SWAT and crisis negotiators responded to the scene. Despite repeated orders, Mr. Wedge refused to exit the apartment and surrender. Due to the dangerous and potentially volatile situation, Burbank SWAT moved in and engaged Mr. Wedge. A short time after the engagement, Mr. Wedge exited the apartment and was taken into custody without further incident.

Mr. Wedge is a 35-year-old resident of Santa Fe Springs. He was booked into the Burbank City Jail on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon against a police officer, felony evading, and numerous outstanding warrants. He is being held on \$390,000 bail and is due in court Wednesday morning. Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

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