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SUSPECT ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF STEALING MOTOR OFFICER'S HELMET

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Burbank, California – A 40-year-old Burbank man has been arrested in connection with the theft of a Burbank Police Officer's motorcycle helmet in late January.

On January 23, 2020, at about 5:40 P.M., a Burbank Police Motor Officer was involved in an on-duty traffic collision in the intersection of San Fernando Boulevard and Verdugo Avenue. While being treated by paramedics, the officer's Department-issued motorcycle helmet was placed on a nearby bus bench. After being transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, another Burbank Police Officer gathered belongings of the injured officer and noticed the motorcycle helmet missing from the bench.

Investigators reviewed video footage obtained from both intersection cameras and police body worn cameras, which showed a man taking the helmet without permission and leaving the scene. Video footage also helped investigators to identify a distinct vehicle associated with the suspect. With help of the video evidence, Burbank Police identified the suspect believed to be responsible for the theft of the helmet, which was valued at about \$1,200.

On the morning of February 26, Burbank Police Detectives served a search warrant connected to the theft at a residence in the 600 block of East Cedar Avenue. During the service of the warrant, detectives detained the suspect and found the stolen helmet inside his residence.

The suspect was placed under arrest and has been identified as Ricardo Salvador Miranda, a 40-year-old resident of Burbank. Miranda was booked on suspicion of grand theft and is being held on \$20,000 bail. He is due in court on Friday.

The motor officer involved in the collision is still recovering from his injuries and has not returned to full duty.

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