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SUSPICIOUS ITEMS RENDERED SAFE INSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DATE: March 10, 2017

Burbank, California – On March 10, 2017, at about 7:50 A.M., the Burbank Police Department responded to the Buena Vista Public Library, located at 300 N. Buena Vista Street, regarding suspicious items found by library employees. The library was closed to the public at the time.

When Police Officers arrived, they found an unattended 12-volt battery inside the library which was connected to a charging system, similar to a trickle charging device. The charging system was plugged into an outlet and a black powder-like substance was scattered on the floor nearby. Due to the unusual circumstances, the library and the area immediately surrounding it was cordoned off. Adjacent roadways were also closed to traffic as a precaution.

The Burbank Fire Department Hazardous Materials Unit responded to the scene, as well as the Special Enforcement Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Arson/Explosives Detail.

At about 10:50 A.M., the items were rendered safe by L.A.S.D. Arson/Explosives Investigators. There were no injuries reported. The roadways and library have both been re-opened.

This incident is still under investigation by the Burbank Police Department. It is unknown who left these items behind, and when. Anyone with information is asked to call the Burbank Police Department Detective Bureau, at 818-238-3210. If you wish to remain anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP," or by using the website www.LACrimeStoppers.org.

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