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## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

### SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER STEALING PURSE FROM CRASH VICTIM

May 12, 2022

**Burbank, California** – A 61-year-old man has been arrested for stealing a purse out of a crash victim's vehicle after she was removed from the vehicle by paramedics because of her injuries.

On April 28, 2022, at about 12:30 p.m., Burbank Police responded to the area of Front Street, north of Magnolia Boulevard regarding a serious traffic collision involving two vehicles. When police arrived, they located one male with significant injuries seated in the driver's seat of a blue colored sedan. That male was later pronounced deceased at the scene. Officers located a female seated in the driver's seat of a second involved vehicle, a white colored SUV. That driver was transported to a local hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

To read the original Burbank PD News Release pertaining to the traffic collision, [CLICK HERE](#).

During the investigation, the female victim's husband reported his wife's purse had been stolen from within her vehicle following the traffic collision. He also learned her credit cards were being used at various establishments in the cities of Burbank and Glendale. Investigators reviewed surveillance video from the collision and from the various establishments. The suspect, who was at the scene of the collision and had spoken to officers, was seen in surveillance video using the victim's credit cards.

On May 12, 2022, at approximately 11:30 a.m., investigators executed a search warrant at the suspect's encampment near the site of the collision. During an interview, the suspect admitted to using the victim's credit cards.

The suspect has been identified as Harayer Haghoubian, an unhoused individual. Mr. Haghoubian was arrested and booked for 530.5(a) PC – Identity Theft. Formal charges are pending review by the City Attorney's Office.

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