



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED IN DIFFERENT CASES FRIDAY NIGHT

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Two significant gang related arrests were made this weekend by our newly formed Burbank Police Hybrid Gang Detail and the established AB109 Task Force. The Burbank PD Gang Detail is comprised of four officers who are assigned to the Patrol Division with a focus on gang related crime, intervention and outreach. The AB109 Task Force is currently comprised of personnel from the Burbank Police Department, the Glendale Police Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the LA County Probation Department. The AB109 Task Force primarily focuses their efforts on the supervision of individuals released from custody on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

On Friday evening, June 17, at about 6:10 pm, AB109 Task Force Investigators were working gang enforcement in cooperation with the Burbank PD Gang Detail, along the Burbank / Glendale border. The investigators saw 19 year-old Erick Pellecer-Pelayo, who is on probation for robbery, removing items from the trunk of a vehicle in the alley behind the 500 block of South Lake Street. The officers made contact with Pelayo and noticed the initials of a local gang tattooed on his arm. A search of the car Pelayo was seen removing items from revealed two expended shotgun shells in the passenger compartment. In addition, the detectives found five credit cards in other peoples' names and a fraudulent California Driver License in Pelayo's wallet.

The detectives continued their investigation with a probation search of Pelayo's residence, which was nearby. During the search of the residence, the detectives located two handguns, one sawed-off shotgun, several bullets and shotgun shells matching the ones found earlier in the vehicle. Both handguns were found to have been reported stolen out of the City of Los Angeles.

Pelayo, who is a registered gang member, admitted to firing the shotgun into the air while driving on a freeway recently, but denied shooting at anybody.

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Pelayo was booked into the Burbank City Jail on several charges, including an outstanding arrest warrant. The LA County District Attorney's Office filed felony possession of a short-barreled shotgun; with the additional allegation the crime was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang. In addition, identity theft and two counts of possession of stolen handguns were filed, but as misdemeanors due to regulations under Proposition 47. Pelayo, whose bail was set at \$125,000, was due to appear in court earlier today.

Also on Friday evening, June 17, at about 6:25 pm, Burbank Gang Detail Officers were working the same cooperative detail, when they made a traffic stop of a van driven by 26 year-old Ricardo Ruiz, a known local gang member who is on probation, in the area of Flower Street and Sonora Avenue. The officers learned Ruiz did not have a driver license and directed him to step out of his vehicle. While speaking with Ruiz, a female identified as 33 year-old Christina Lupercio approached the officers on foot, advising the officers the van belonged to her and she was Ruiz' girlfriend.

A search of the van revealed a locked container. Upon opening the container, the officers found social security cards, blank checks, several pay stubs, a W-2 statement, foreign identification cards, and a cellular service verification form; all in the names of other people unrelated to Ruiz or Lupercio. Commingled with these documents was a photocopy of Ruiz' identification card with gang writing and his moniker on it. In addition, officers located a stolen DMV registration card and license plate sticker in the van.

Ruiz and Lupercio were arrested for identity theft and booked into the Burbank City Jail on \$90,000 and \$140,560 bail (Lupercio also had multiple outstanding warrants) respectively. The LA County District Attorney referred the case to the city attorney's office for filing consideration. The Burbank City Attorney's Office filed three counts of identity theft and two counts of receiving stolen property against both suspects. They were both due to appear in court this morning.

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