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TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOLLOWING CAR BATTERY THEFT SPREE

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Burbank, California – A man and woman are in-custody following an early morning theft spree of car batteries.

On February 22, 2019, at about 6:30 A.M., Burbank Police Officers made a traffic stop of a vehicle near the intersection of Glenoaks Boulevard and Olive Avenue for not having a front license plate, as required by the California Vehicle Code. The driver of the car was an adult male with a suspended driver license. Along with the driver was a female passenger, also an adult.

The police officers who made the traffic stop began issuing the driver a citation and initiated an impound of his vehicle. During an inventory of the vehicle's contents, police officers discovered 20 car batteries in the trunk. Within a relatively short time of making this discovery, the Burbank Police Department began receiving calls from nearby citizens reporting the theft of their car batteries.

Both suspects were placed under arrest and booked on suspicion of possessing stolen property. They have been identified as Devontie Banner, a 28-year-old man from Long Beach, and Julie Perez, a 27-year-old woman from Belize City, Belize. Both are being held on \$20,000 bail and are due in court on Tuesday.

All 20 victims have been identified and have since had their batteries returned to them. The majority of victims resided in senior living facilities located in the 300 block of East Harvard Road and 600 block of North Glenoaks Boulevard.

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