



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SERIAL BUSINESS BURGLARY SUSPECT CHARGED RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTIPLE BURGLARIES

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The Burbank Police Department has been investigating a series of business burglaries since October 2015. The burglaries targeted restaurants, hair salons and other small businesses. Many of the burglaries were committed in the Burbank Village area and Magnolia Park District. Burbank Police Detectives learned the Glendale Police Department was simultaneously investigating similar occurrences in their jurisdiction. Over 20 burglaries with similar modus operandi were identified.

Using a variety of means, including surveillance footage from several of the establishments, Burbank and Glendale Police Detectives identified Hakob Torosyan, a 28 year-old Glendale resident, as the suspect in these cases.

Glendale Police obtained an arrest warrant for Torosyan related to burglaries at restaurants and banquet halls in their city. On March 4, 2016, Burbank Police Detectives located Torosyan in the Hollywood area and placed him under arrest.

Burbank and Glendale Detectives presented this case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, who filed a total of 14 counts of commercial burglary against Torosyan.

Torosyan, who is on felony probation for evading a police officer and has prior convictions for theft and burglary, is being held without bail. He is due to appear in the Burbank Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court on March 15.

Torosyan is specifically charged with burglaries at the following locations in Burbank: The Crystal Shrine (1006 N. Lima St.), La Bamba Restaurant (2600 N. Glenoaks Bl.), Ritz Celebration Hall @ St. Leon's Cathedral (3325 N. Glenoaks Blvd.), Boba Loca (148 N. San Fernando Bl.), Burbank Bar and Grille (112 N. San Fernando Bl.), Oasis Nails (3317 W. Magnolia Bl.) and Beauty World (2021 Hollywood Way). The loss to most of the businesses was cash.

Investigators are working to link Torosyan to as many as 11 additional burglaries in both Glendale and Burbank.

The Burbank Police Department values the close working relationship we have with the Glendale Police Department and thank them for working together with us to stop Torosyan from victimizing our communities. Specific questions regarding the Glendale occurrences should be directed to Tahnee Lightfoot at (818) 548-4818 or TLightfoot@glendaleca.gov.

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