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EX-CONS, AB109 PROBATIONER ARRESTED AFTER STRUGGLE FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS, DRUGS & ID THEFT DOCS

DATE: September 23, 2015

On September 23, 2015, at about 10:10 pm, a Burbank Police officer was patrolling the Ramada Inn parking lot at 2900 N. San Fernando Boulevard. The officer saw a male and female walking in the lot. As he got closer to them, the officer noticed the odor of marijuana emitting from them. The officer got out of his car and approached the couple, finding the odor was stronger from the male, 28 year old Cody Carter from Sun Valley.

The officer attempted to detain Mr. Carter, but he kept walking. The officer saw Mr. Carter reach for his waistband. The officer grabbed Mr. Carter's arm, fearing he was reaching for a weapon. Mr. Carter pulled away, at which time the officer saw the grip of a handgun in Mr. Carter's waistband.

Mr. Carter's female companion, 28 year old Yessinia Ventura from Sun Valley, reached for Mr. Carter's waistband in an attempt to retrieve the handgun. The officer was able to pull Mr. Carter away from Ms. Ventura as the struggle continued. The handgun, which was later determined to be loaded, fell to the ground and Ms. Ventura fled on foot.

The officer was able to handcuff Mr. Carter who stopped struggling shortly after the gun fell to the ground. Officers found Mr. Carter to be in possession of marijuana. Another responding officer intercepted Ms. Ventura as she ran through the parking lot.

A search of bags that Ms. Ventura was carrying revealed a second unloaded handgun and 73 pages of identity theft paperwork. The paperwork included bank account, credit card and personal information belonging to numerous victims.

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Neither handgun was registered or reported stolen. Mr. Carter has served multiple stints in state prison, and has several prior felony convictions, including vandalism, burglary and a prior for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is currently on supervised release / PRCS (Post Release Community Supervision), via AB109. Ms. Ventura has also been convicted of felony identity theft, felony vehicle theft and felony drug possession.

Mr. Carter and Ms. Ventura were placed under arrest for being convicted felons in possession of firearms and resisting arrest. Ms. Ventura was also arrested for possession of methamphetamine. They were booked into the Burbank City Jail. Mr. Carter is being held on a PRCS violation and thus being held without bail. Ms. Ventura's bail was set at \$45,000. They are due to be arraigned in the Burbank Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday, September 25, 2015.

The Burbank Police Department continues to encounter individuals in our community who are either being supervised under the protocols put in place after the passage of AB109 or not supervised at all after the passage of Prop 47. These people are committing crimes and diluting the quality of life for our residents, business owners and visitors. In this case an officer struggled with an ex-convict who was armed with a handgun and a second person who was also armed, unbeknownst to the officer, in a dark parking lot. The results of the encounter could have been dire, but fortunately ended with nobody being hurt.

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