



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

### OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

### SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ADW ON A POLICE OFFICER

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This morning, at about 4:10 am, officers with the Burbank Police Department responded to the area of Buena Vista Street / Victory Boulevard regarding a female who said she had been kidnapped.

Officers arrived on-scene in less than two minutes and began interviewing the 36 year-old female near the 99 Cent Store (2407 W. Victory Bl.) where she called from. She gave a very specific description of the suspect vehicle. A short time later a pickup truck matching the suspect vehicle description was seen traveling west on Victory Boulevard by our officers.

Officers tried to stop the suspect vehicle, but the driver failed to yield and a pursuit took place, wherein the suspect fled at a high rate of speed and ran red signal lights. The suspect, identified as 21 year-old Arthur Papiyan, pulled over on Victory Boulevard and Pass Avenue. The two officers in the pursuing police car initiated a high risk ("felony") stop, during which they would call the suspect back to them. The suspect placed his truck into reverse, backed up and subsequently struck the police car, which precipitated an officer involved shooting.

Papiyan was apparently struck in his back by one round, which had gone through the driver seat. This round lost enough momentum that it did not penetrate Papiyan's skin, but rather caused a significant bruise. He was treated at a local hospital and is being booked into the Burbank City Jail for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer. His bail has been set at \$50,000. He is due to appear in court Monday morning.

The officers were not injured in the incident.

The female told investigators she was at a house party somewhere in South Los Angeles and left on foot. A male drove up next to her and offered her a ride, which she accepted. They got on the freeway, but the driver did not get off at the correct exit. The man then placed a rag over her face and the next thing she recalls is being out of the truck, near railroad tracks. The victim, who was uninjured, walked to the 99 Cent Store, where she called the police. Thus far, detectives have been unable to verify the victim's account and Papiyan is not being booked for kidnapping at this time. The female victim is being uncooperative with investigators and was arrested for two outstanding misdemeanor prostitution warrants.

Burbank Police Detectives are investigating the criminal aspect of this case, which is ongoing. Representatives from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office were on-scene and will also be investigating this case. In addition, members of the Department's Internal Affairs Bureau are conducting an independent parallel administrative investigation.

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