



NEWS RELEASE

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Serial Commercial Burglary Suspect Arrested

Claremont, CA – Between January 2, 2025 and January 4, 2025, there have been six businesses burglarized during the nighttime hours. Four of the burglaries occurred in the 800-900 block of west Foothill Bl. and two of the burglaries occurred in the 700 block of south Indian Hill Bl. CPD Detectives and Officers have been conducting extensive follow-up to leads that were obtained during their investigations related to each burglary.

On January 4, 2025, CPD Detectives were able to identify the suspect, identified as Hector Bernal, 30 years old from Covina. The investigation led Detectives to a local hotel in Claremont, where the suspect was staying.

CPD Detectives conducted surveillance at the hotel and at about 12:50pm, Hector Bernal and a female were seen exiting the hotel. Bernal was arrested without incident for six counts of commercial burglary, grand theft, theft with priors and possession of stolen property. The female, Alexis Tinoco, 28 years old from Upland was also arrested for possession of stolen property. They were both transported to the CPD Jail for booking.

CPD Detectives executed a search warrant at Bernal and Tinoco's hotel room, where additional stolen property was located inside. These items included stolen property belonging to the Claremont victim's related to the commercial burglaries which occurred within the last 48-hours.

Bernal was held at the CPD Jail pending his court appearance at the Pomona Courthouse on January 7, 2025 at 8:00am.

Tinoco was released on a written promise to appear.

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