



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **For Immediate Release**

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**Case #:** 1803036

### **Possession of Assault Rifle Arrest**

Claremont, CA – On October 24, 2018 at 6:52 AM, an observant community member called the Claremont Police Department to report a possible vehicle burglary in progress at Corky's Restaurant in the 2200 block of East Baseline Rd. The caller reported that there was a person standing near the vehicle holding a crowbar. Claremont Police Officers arrived on scene and detained three suspects near the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, a fully loaded AR-15 assault rifle, with two 30 round magazines was located in the vehicle. The rifle was laying in the back seat and was easily accessible to the suspects where it could have been used against the officers.

Arrested were Constantino Mendoza, 26-years old of Colton for Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia. Diane Barcellau, 50-years old of Covina for Possession of unregistered firearm and Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia and Monique Barcellau 42-years old of El Monte for Possession of a controlled substance and violation of a restraining order.

Diane Barcellau's arraignment date is set for Friday October 26, 2018, at 8:30 AM in Pomona Superior Court. Constantino Mendoza and Monique Barcellau were released on citations with a future court date.

If you have any additional information regarding this case, please contact the Claremont Police Department at 909-399-5411.

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