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### **Commercial Burglars Nabbed on BMX Bicycles**

Claremont, CA – On Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 12:45 pm, officers were able to make two arrests of suspects related to a commercial burglary, thanks to a proactive victim and video surveillance evidence. Officers were called to the 400 block of W. Arrow Highway regarding a burglary investigation.

Surveillance video showed two subjects on BMX bicycles casing the business at 11:45pm, the night previous. The next morning at approximately 3am, the subjects returned in a white Toyota Corolla, which was later determined to be stolen, and burglarized the building. At approximately 10am, the victim was monitoring the surveillance and observed the two subjects return to the property. Photos of the suspects were sent to officers on patrol.

One officer located and detained one of the suspects, who was found riding his BMX bike west on Arrow Hwy west of the business. A second suspect was seen riding his BMX bike east through the gas station at Arrow and Indian Hill. Another officer located and detained that suspect nearby. After further investigation, both suspects were

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identified as the suspects on the video and arrested for burglary, within 25 minutes of the original call for service.

The two individuals arrested were Richard Valenzuela, 53 years old, from Pomona and Can Phao, 34 years old, from Pomona. Both men are being held at the Claremont City Jail and are awaiting their court appearance at Pomona Superior Court on Tuesday, February 13, 2019.

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