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### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Burglars Arrested After Breaking into Local Gas Station**

Claremont, CA – On March 19<sup>th</sup> at about 2:35 AM, Claremont Police officers responded to an alarm activation at Chevron Gas Station located at 267 South Indian Hill Boulevard. As the first officer arrived, a white Chevy truck was fleeing from the location. The truck drove into a nearby residential area and officers conducted a traffic stop on it. As soon as the truck came to a stop, a rear passenger jumped out and fled on foot. A perimeter was quickly established, but the suspect was not located. He was described as a Hispanic male wearing all black clothing with his face covered. The driver and a second passenger complied with officers and were taken into custody. Inside the vehicle were Chevron's display cases containing lottery tickets, cigarettes, cigarette lighters, potato chips, and drinks. The approximate value of these recovered items was \$15,000.00. Tools commonly used to commit burglaries and thefts were located inside the truck and within the pockets of the suspects. These tools included a crow bar, saws, files, and pry tools. A review of surveillance video showed the suspects smash the front glass door and commit the burglary.

Ruben Carabajal, 37 years old from Pomona, was arrested for burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving

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on a suspended driver's license, and false vehicle registration. Michael Orozco, 39 years old from Pomona, was arrested for burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as warrants related to identity theft, possession of burglary tools, and possession of controlled substances. Carabajal and Orozco are currently being housed at Claremont City Jail. Carabajal is being held in lieu of \$20,000.00 bail and Orozco is being held in lieu of \$75,000.00 bail. Both are scheduled to be arraigned in Pomona Superior Court on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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