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### **For Immediate Release**

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**Case #: 2000602**

### **Commercial Burglary Suspect Arrested**

Claremont, CA – On March 3, 2020, in the early morning hours, burglars broke through drywall and stole alcoholic beverages at La West Liquor and Market located at 333 East Arrow Highway. The suspect vehicle was captured on surveillance video and its description shared with Officers. An Officer conducting proactive patrol at Motel 6, located at 840 South Indian Hill Boulevard, saw the suspect vehicle parked at the location. Alcohol and burglary tools were clearly visible inside the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the identity of the vehicle owner and an associated motel room. The suspect was contacted and subsequently arrested when he exited his motel room. Follow-up investigation led to the discovery of stolen alcohol and other evidence related to the crime.

The suspect was identified as Frank Hernandez, 40 years old, from West Covina. Hernandez was arrested and booked at the Claremont Police Department Jail for commercial burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and committing a felony while out on bond. He is being held in lieu of \$20,000.00 bail and will be arraigned in Pomona Superior Court on March 5, 2020.

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