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ARREST OF BURGLARY SUSPECT AND FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM

Sierra Madre, CA. – November 5, 2020 – In the early morning hours of November 5, 2020, a Sierra Madre Police Officer stopped to check an individual in the 100 block W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. The individual was seen loitering near several closed businesses in the area and also appeared under the influence of a stimulant drug.

When contacted, the investigating officer determined the individual was in possession of a 10-speed bicycle and several duffle bags. One of the duffle bags contained a loaded pump-action shotgun. The officer also discovered drug paraphernalia in one of the duffle bags. Further investigation by assisting officers revealed that the individual had taken the shotgun from a residence located on the 100 block S. Baldwin Avenue during a burglary. The burglary was believed to occur just moments before the investigating officer had made contact with the individual.

The individual was identified as John Perales, 30 years old. Perales was arrested for residential burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia, and felon in possession of a firearm, after it was discovered he had several prior arrest and felony convictions. Perales is a transient with a last known address in the City of Whittier.

There is reason to believe the 10-speed bicycle that was in the possession of Perales was also stolen. The Sierra Madre Police Department is seeking further assistance from the public to help identify the owner of the bike. Any inquires can be made to Detective Raymond So at (626)355-1414 ext. 505. The 10-speed bicycle is a Schwinn Continental and has several unique and distinct features. The owner of the bicycle should be prepared to describe the bicycle and provide identifying features associated with it.