



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE**

### **“CAR-TO-CAR” SHOOTING UPDATE ARRESTS MADE EARLIER TODAY**

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DATE: February 9, 2016

As reported in a [News Release](#) yesterday evening, February 8, 2016, Burbank Police detectives have been investigating a “car-to-car” shooting that took place on the Burbank Boulevard Overpass at about 7:45 pm.

Detectives worked through the morning and identified 24 year-old Sylmar resident Joseph Lupercio as the shooter. Plain clothes investigators located the suspect vehicle, a black Mercedes ML SUV, in the 13300 block of Beaver Street in Sylmar earlier today. They established surveillance of the car and of a home where Lupercio was believed to be. Search and arrest warrants were prepared.

This morning, the Burbank Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) deployed around the home, with assistance from our police helicopter, two K9 teams and Crisis Negotiators. The team made telephone contact with Lupercio, but he did not comply with orders to give himself up. At about 8:25 am, Lupercio was seen exiting the rear of the home and trying to flee. His attempted escape was short-lived, as he was taken into custody without incident by officers, including one with a K9 partner, who had surrounded the property.

Lupercio has been booked into the Burbank City Jail for attempt murder. His bail has been set at \$2 million. A female, who is believed to have been driving the Mercedes SUV, was also taken into custody. She is identified as 26 year-old Sarah Sullivan of Los Angeles. She has been booked for being an accessory to attempt murder. Both are due to appear in the Burbank Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court on Thursday morning.

The involved parties are known to each other, which helped investigators make arrests within 13 hours of the shooting. The Police Department wants to make sure our community knows this was not a random act. The victim was targeted and while the involved parties have criminal histories that involve gang crime, the motivation in this incident appears to be personal in nature and not gang related.

The shooting victim is listed in good condition.

This incident is not related to the shooting last week at [Lundigan Park](#). Anyone with information on either case is asked to contact detectives at (818) 238-3210.

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