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Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: 01/23/ 2017
TYPE OF EVENT: Burglary
LOCATION: Car Quest 125 N. Balsam St.
CHARGES: 460(b) PC
SUSPECTS: Ordonez

On 1-23-17 at about 0600 hrs. Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department investigated a burglary at Car Quest Auto Parts store on N. Balsam St. During the investigation it was found that the suspect(s) entered the business by forcing open a rear door. After entering the business the suspects took tools, and change from the cash drawers. The suspect(s) also attempted to pry a safe from the floor in the office in an attempt to take it.

The investigation led to the residence at 215 W Panamint Ave. which had been determined to be unsafe for occupancy and red tagged. When Officers checked the residence they found Tomas Ordonez age 40 inside. Officers also located the pry tool used to conduct the burglary and change believed to taken from the business. Ordonez was arrested for commercial burglary and entering an unsafe structure for human occupancy. Ordonez was transported to CRF Bakersfield where he was held.

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