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## PRESS RELEASE

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In the early morning hours of Monday, July 11, 2022, a series of seven robberies and shootings occurred in Ontario, Upland, Riverside, Santa Ana, Brea and La Habra, most of them at or near 7-Eleven stores.

Investigators from all six agencies immediately began communicating with each other and sharing information. Investigators quickly established that the same suspect committed the below crimes:

- Ontario PD: 7-Eleven robbery
- Upland PD: 7-Eleven robbery
- Riverside PD: 7-Eleven robbery and attempted homicide
- Santa Ana PD: Yum Yum Donuts robbery
- Santa Ana PD: robbery and homicide outside of a 7-Eleven
- Brea PD: 7-Eleven robbery and homicide
- La Habra PD: 7-Eleven robbery and 2 attempted homicides

Recognizing and understanding the fear and anxiety these crimes created in our communities, all six police agencies, along with the ATF Orange County Violent Crime Task Force, began working cooperatively and diligently to identify, locate, and arrest this suspect.

The ATF Orange County Violent Crimes Task Force consists of federal agents from the ATF and investigators from Santa Ana PD, Brea PD, Fullerton PD, and the Orange County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

On Friday, July 15, 2022, investigators from the ATF Orange County Violent Crime Task Force located and arrested two people in Los Angeles in connection with this series of violent crimes. The suspects have been identified as Malik Patt, a 20-year-old Los Angeles resident, and Jason Payne, a 44-year-old Los Angeles resident. Both will be booked at Santa Ana Police Department. All cases will be submitted to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for filing of appropriate charges.

Brea Police Department Chief Adam Hawley said, "I want to acknowledge and offer sincere thanks to all the dedicated law enforcement professionals involved in these cases. Truly, their tireless efforts led to this successful outcome, and they deserve our sincere gratitude. To the victims and the victims' families of these

horrific crimes, particularly Matt's friends and family. While this arrest cannot erase the terrible trauma you have endured or fill the loss you have experienced, I pray that this news brings you some small comfort and peace."

"Thank God this serial killer is off the street as a result of the cooperation of incredible police work by officers across Southern California," said Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer. "We have sufficient evidence to file multiple murder charges in this case and over the next few days we will continue working with all of the investigating agencies as well as other prosecutorial agencies to determine what additional charges will be filed. The public can rest easy tonight knowing that the reign of terror that unfolded across multiple cities and counties and cost the lives of three innocent people, is over. With these individuals in custody, we can now continue with the work to ensure justice is served."

Thank you to all the agencies for their cooperation in this endeavor. The combination of knowledge and resources certainly amplified each of our agency's investigative capacities.