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News Release

LASD Parks Bureau Deputies arrest man for assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Deputy

On February 19, 2015, an Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Deputy and a Deputy involved shooting occurred at Lario Park, 15701 Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, CA 91702. The suspect fled the scene and was unidentified. During a subsequent investigation by Deputies Max Fernandez and Annie Walters the suspect was identified as James Babakitis a male white, 49 year old resident of Phelen California.

On April 29, 2015, after further investigation suspect Babakitis was discovered at a location in Glendora and place under arrest for an Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer. Babakitis was transported to the San Dimas Sheriff's Station where he is being held in lieu of a \$250,000 bail.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Parks Bureau is dedicated to providing a safe and drug free environment at all Los Angeles County Parks.

Providing Public Safety for Parks Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department polices 177 county parks, golf courses and special event venues throughout Los Angeles County:

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