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DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE

BUENA PARK, Calif. — On August 4th, 2021, at approximately 6:08 p.m., the Buena Park Police Department responded to 6052 Western Avenue (Steadfast Residential Care Facility.) Upon arrival, officers learned that a former entrusted caregiver, Timothy Jay Tovera, was using an electrical stun-gun to assault three elderly female patients at the facility. The victims had visible injuries from the use of the stun gun. Additionally, the victims were Special needs.

On August 16, 2021, detectives contacted Tovera and he was interviewed. He admitted to assaulting the victims with the electrical stun-gun to gain compliance from them. Tovera was subsequently arrested, and his state license is in the process of being revoked. The investigation is ongoing.

Detectives have since learned Tovera has been employed at other care facilities. Anyone with information regarding additional victims, please contact the Buena Park Police Department at (714) 562-3901.

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