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Pastor Boli Zhang's description of the ransacking of his home on Sunday July 12.

My name is Zhang Boli. I was one of the student leaders of the 1989 Tiananmen Democracy Movement in Beijing and one of the twenty-one student leaders placed on China's national most-wanted list by the Chinese Communist government.

After being placed on the wanted list, I spent nearly two years in hiding inside China. In June 1991, I escaped to Hong Kong and applied for political asylum in the United States. Later that same month, I arrived in America and was granted the freedom that I had long sought. I remain deeply grateful to the United States Government for protecting me and giving me a new life. I am now a proud American citizen and serve as a Christian pastor.

My experience of escaping from China is recorded in my autobiography, *Escape from China*.

In recent years, particularly after launching my YouTube program discussing current affairs, I have been subjected to persistent online harassment, intimidation, and threats from individuals acting on behalf of, or sympathetic to, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). I have also encountered individuals with backgrounds connected to the Chinese military who disguised themselves as church visitors while verbally threatening and harassing me.

On Sunday, July 12, 2026, between approximately 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., while I was preaching at church, my home (2872 Wolfson Circle, Corona, California 92879) was burglarized and completely ransacked.

Every room in our house—including the bathrooms, kitchen, and laundry room—was searched. The entire home was left in total disarray, a heartbreaking and devastating scene.

The intruders entered by smashing the glass sliding door leading from our master bedroom to the backyard (see attached photographs).

After forcing open the door to my study, where our internet modem was located, they deliberately destroyed and disconnected our internet service. They also stole the hard drive connected to our security camera system, leaving us unable to review any surveillance footage.

The burglars violently pried open the metal filing cabinet in my study. Every drawer, cabinet, suitcase, bag, and storage box throughout our home was opened and emptied. The house was completely turned upside down. I have attached photographs documenting the damage.

It is evident that virtually every valuable possession our family accumulated during more than thirty years of living in the United States was stolen.

After we called the police, three officers from the Corona Police Department responded, took photographs, and completed an incident report.

The officers asked me two questions:

“Whom have you offended?”

“Who knows where you live?”

As a Christian pastor, I strive to love everyone according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. I do not knowingly make enemies.

However, as an exile from the Tiananmen Movement, I have consistently spoken out on my YouTube channel against the CCP’s severe human rights abuses, its persecution of China’s house churches, and the imprisonment of Christian leaders and political prisoners such as Pastor Jin Mingri of Zion Church and Pastor Wang Yi of Early Rain Covenant Church. Because of these activities, I have been repeatedly targeted by pro-CCP online trolls through harassment, threats, and intimidation.

I have no direct evidence proving that this burglary was directed or orchestrated by the Chinese Communist Party. However, several aspects of the crime raise serious concerns:

The perpetrators knew that I am a pastor and would be preaching at church on Sunday, leaving the house unoccupied.

They appeared familiar with the layout of our home and entered through the rear master bedroom.

They professionally disabled our surveillance system and stole the recording equipment.

They systematically took nearly every valuable item, including our wedding rings, cash, watches, and all of my wife’s jewelry.

They scattered and trampled nearly every personal belonging in our home—including my wife’s wedding dress—in a manner that appeared not only to steal but also to humiliate and intimidate.

Since President Trump intensified enforcement against criminals with prior records who entered the United States illegally, public safety in our city has generally improved.

According to the responding officers, there have been no recent home invasions of this severity in our community.

Although I am now an American citizen and have long been under the protection of the United States, I continue to live in fear. Many of my fellow Chinese democracy activists and political exiles share the same concerns. Individuals including Wang Dan, Wei Jingsheng, Liu Junguo, Zhou Fengsuo, Jie Lijian, Chen Weiming, and Bob Fu have all experienced threats, surveillance, assaults, theft, or harassment believed to be connected to the CCP or its proxies.

On July 1 of this year, the Chinese Communist Party officially implemented the Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress, which explicitly authorizes legal action against overseas organizations and individuals accused of undermining ethnic unity or promoting separatism. In practice, this law extends the CCP's claims of jurisdiction beyond China's borders and reflects its continuing policy of transnational repression, including against individuals residing in the United States.

From the vandalism of the June 4th Memorial Museum in Los Angeles, the arson attack on the June 4th Memorial Park, the assault on Taiwanese journalist Yaita Akio, the attempted attack that nearly cost activist Jie Lijian his life, and now the violent burglary of my family's home, these incidents collectively leave Chinese political refugees in America feeling increasingly vulnerable and unsafe.

I respectfully urge the U.S. Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to recognize the growing threat posed by the Chinese Communist Party's transnational repression and long-arm intimidation, and to take meaningful steps to protect Chinese political dissidents and refugees living in the United States.

I also respectfully request that the FBI investigate the burglary of my home, identify those responsible, and bring them to justice so that the rule of law and justice may prevail.

May God bless the United States of America. May America Be Great Again.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Zhang Boli

and Family

Attachments: Photographs of the crime scene, Police case number