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Press Release

Police Department

Residential Burglary Suspect Captured

In mid-February of 2009 a series of residential burglaries was identified in the city of Torrance. Members of the Torrance Police Department Crime Impact Team identified a possible suspect, and initiated an investigation over the following two months.

On April 20th 2009 at approximately 10:35 A.M., as members of the Crime Impact Team watched, a residential burglary occurred in the Orange County city of Rossmore. The suspect was also observed leaving the area of the victim's residence by a neighbor who attempted to follow the suspect vehicle to obtain the license plate number. Torrance Police officers were not in pursuit of the suspect, but he fled at a high rate of speed, allegedly ramming two vehicles at the intersection of St. Cloud and Seal Beach Blvd. in an effort to escape the witness.

Members of the Crime Impact Team followed the suspect vehicle to the 200 block of 9th Street in San Pedro. As the suspect exited his vehicle, he was confronted by the detectives. The suspect attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended. The property taken from the burglary in Rossmore was recovered from the suspect, later identified by, and returned to the victim.

Bill Stinson Bounsall, 48, of San Pedro was arrested for residential burglary and assault with a deadly weapon.

A search warrant was obtained for Bounsall's residence and vehicles. Upon service of the search warrant, over two thousand pieces of jewelry and other valuables were recovered. Bounsall was later booked into the Orange County Jail.

It is suspected that Bounsall may have committed similar crimes in the area bordered by Los Alamitos on the south, Santa Monica on the north, Beverly Hills and Culver City on the east, and the Pacific Ocean on the west. The Torrance Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying related crimes.

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On Thursday May 7th, 2009, between the hours of 8:30 A.M and 4:30P.M., the Torrance Police Department will place the recovered items on display for victims of related crimes to view. Victims of similar crimes that have occurred over the past year and a half are encouraged to contact the agency that took their original crime report in order to determine if their crime may be related to this suspect. In order to recover a piece of stolen property on display, a victim will have to present a crime report with a description of the stolen item and/or other verifiable proof of ownership.

This investigation is on-going under the direction of Captain Dave Smith, Commander, Special Operations Bureau, Torrance Police Department. Any information related to this case should be directed to Detectives Mazzolini 310-618-5615 or Williams 310-618-5617.

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