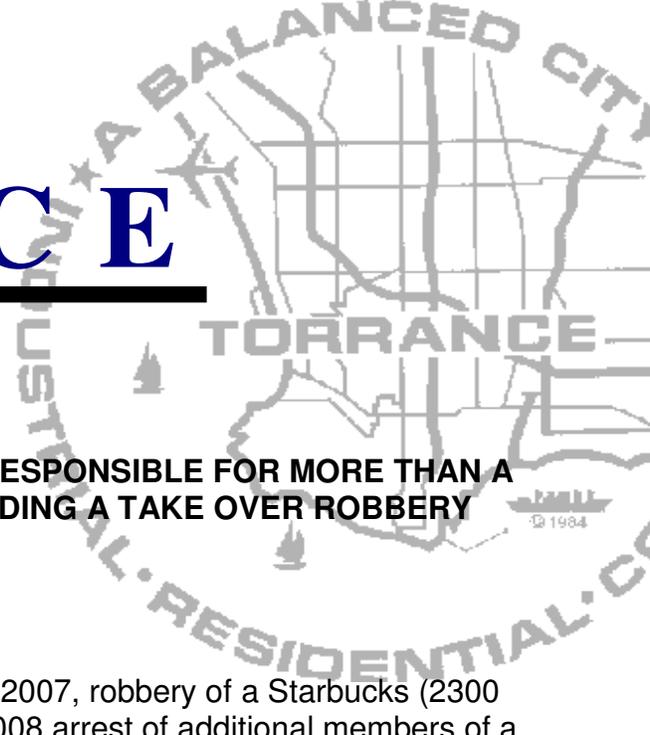


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The seal of the Torrance Police Department is visible in the background. It features a circular design with the words "INDUSTRIAL", "A BALANCED CITY", and "RESIDENTIAL" around the perimeter. In the center, there is a map of the city of Torrance with the word "TORRANCE" written across it. The year "1964" is also present at the bottom of the seal.

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INVESTIGATORS ARREST SUSPECTS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN A DOZEN SOUTH BAY ARMED ROBBERIES INCLUDING A TAKE OVER ROBBERY

January 8, 2008

Follow-up investigation resulting from the December 19, 2007, robbery of a Starbucks (2300 block Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance) led to the January 7, 2008 arrest of additional members of a crime team believed responsible for as many as a dozen armed robberies of South Bay businesses since October, 2007.

On January 7, 2008, at 10:30 p.m. three suspects committed an armed robbery of a liquor store in the 4500 block of Artesia Blvd. in the city of Lawndale. Investigators detained and arrested the suspects without incident as they fled the location. The arrest and resulting investigation led to the recovery of \$200 in cash, a firearm and property related to the December 19, 2007 Starbucks robbery and possibly other business robberies in the South Bay. The three suspects arrested were: Sanders, Aleitra, 21 yrs., Sawyer, Preston, 20 yrs. and Douglas, Kareem, 20 yrs. all residents of Hawthorne; the suspects face charges of robbery and conspiracy.

Three additional members of the crime team (Roberson, Sidney James, 26 yrs., Sawyer, Christopher Dylon, 21 yrs. and Dasher, Kenyatta Jaquay 29 yrs. all residents of Hawthorne) were arrested as they fled the December 19, 2007 Starbucks robbery. Their arrest followed a high speed vehicle pursuit that was televised on local news stations. These suspects robbed the Starbucks and 9 patrons as they enjoyed their beverages inside the store.

It is expected that suspects related to the December 19, 2007 and January 7, 2008 robberies are also responsible for up to 12 - 15 robberies of South Bay businesses. The investigation of these crimes continues under the direction of Captain Marc Wilkins, Bureau Commander of the Special Operations Bureau, Torrance Police Department.

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