

T O R R A N C E

Press Release *Police Department*

“Operation Accountability”

On Friday July 11, 2008, the Torrance Police Department's Community Lead Officer Detail culminated an 18-month undercover operation aimed at targeting the narcotics sales in and surrounding the City of Torrance. This investigation, dubbed “Operation Accountability”, utilized the resources of the entire police department and involved a number of allied local and federal agencies. The investigation targeted narcotics users, sellers and suppliers within the City of Torrance, as well as the suppliers bringing narcotics into the City.

Investigations involved over 93 locations including 50 locations in the City of Torrance and others located in Lawndale, Lomita, Downey, Riverside, Bellflower, San Pedro and other regions of Southern California. Nearly all of the investigations were started as the result of arrests/contacts made by Patrol officers or citizen complaints regarding problem locations within the community.

The investigations revealed four main targets of supply for Torrance and other South Bay cities and also identified the original sources of supply in Mexico. All four main sources of supply bringing narcotics into the City have been identified, arrested and are pending prosecution.

Due to the complexity of some of the investigations, undercover officers were used and the investigation was coordinated at a confidential off site location.

The investigations have resulted in:

- 83 search warrants served
- 42 parole and probation searches
- 15 children removed by DCFS to safer living conditions
- 14 illegal aliens facing deportation proceedings
- 208 arrests
- 118 narcotics seizures that included:
 - 52 pounds of cocaine
 - 15 pounds of methamphetamine
 - 65 marijuana plants
 - ¼ pound of heroin
- 107 firearms seized
- 4 improvised explosive devices seized
- \$448,000 United States currency seized
- \$100,000 in stolen property recovered
- 5 stolen vehicles recovered

The investigation continues under the direction of Lt. Steve D'anjou. For further information, please contact the Watch Commander at (310) 618-5737.