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**PRESS RELEASE
ATTEMPTED RAPE
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On February 29, 2004, at approximately 9:10 PM, Officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to the 100 block of Palos Verdes Boulevard regarding an attempt rape, which had just occurred.

The 27-year-old victim had just taken a shower when a suspect who had entered her residence through an unlocked front window attacked her. The suspect struck the victim in the face with an iron. The victim was knocked to the ground with the suspect on top of her. The victim, a martial arts instructor, fought back striking the suspect with kicks and fists forcing the suspect off of her and chasing the suspect out of her residence.

Torrance Officers responded to the area and a short time later observed a subject matching the description of the suspect in the area of Ocean Avenue and Merit Avenue. As officers attempted to make contact, the suspect fled from officers on foot. Officers set up a perimeter and searched the area on foot and with the assistance of a helicopter. The suspect was not found, but evidence left at the scene by the suspect led to an on-going investigation by Detectives.

On March 1, 2004, Torrance Detectives followed up on evidence from the evening prior and arrested a Jeffrey Lloyd Bryan, 46 years old at 1850 Pacific Coast Highway. Mr. Bryan was arrested for attempt rape and burglary charges.

This investigation is under the direction of Lieutenant Marc Wilkins, Detective Division Commander.

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