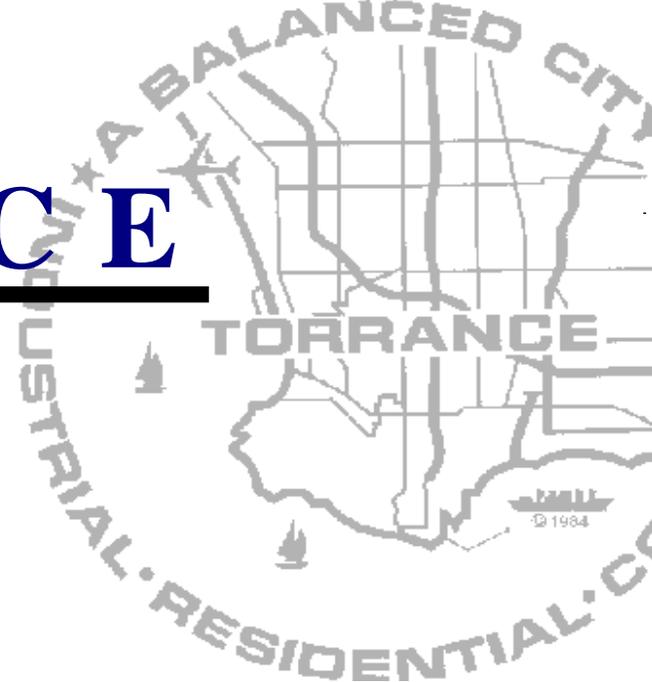


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## Armed Robbery 04-6801

On May 4, 2004, at approximately 6:00 AM, Officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to 21300 Hawthorne Boulevard, the Coffee Bean, regarding an armed robbery. A lone suspect entered the Coffee Bean, pulled out a handgun and robbed the business. The suspect had the employees take him back to the safe and open it. The suspect took a large amount of currency from the safe and placed it in his backpack. The suspect left in a small compact white vehicle. A short time later, officers from the Torrance Police Department observed the suspect vehicle at Hawthorne and Carson. Officers conducted a traffic stop and took the suspect into custody. Officers recovered the money and the suspect's handgun used in the robbery from inside his vehicle.

This robbery is similar to a series of armed robberies in the South Bay where approximately eight armed robberies have occurred. The suspect arrested was Emmanuel Auguste from the City of Torrance and is being held on a \$50,000 bail.

The investigation is on going and is being conducted by the Torrance Police Department's Detective Division.

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