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## **Barricaded Suspect / Hostage Situation** **DR #05-12166**

On August 8, 2005 at approximately 8:20 PM, officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a domestic violence call at 16402 Haas Avenue. Further information was that a neighbor called saying that a man had a knife to the throat of a woman in front of the residence.

When officers arrived, they saw the suspect and victim in front of the residence. Officers attempted to contact the suspect at which time he forced the victim back inside the residence. After being unable to contact the suspect, the SWAT team and Crisis Negotiation team were called to assist with the incident. Approximately 8 residences near the incident were evacuated for safety reasons.

Members from the Crisis Negotiation team have been in contact with the suspect since 10:00 PM trying for a peaceful resolution. The suspect is a gang member and parolee who might possibly be facing a third strike.

The incident is ongoing and new information will be released at the conclusion of the situation.

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