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Press Release
Police Department

Suspect in Animal Cruelty Case Arrested **DR # 05-15627**

On October 12, 2005 at approximately 10:30 AM, Officers from the Torrance Police Department and Torrance Animal Control responded to the 200 block of Via Los Altos regarding a residence containing hundreds of pigeons.

The animal rights organization PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals contacted Torrance Animal Control who began investigating the allegations. During the initial investigation officers learned that Gerard Redmond Enright Jr. resided at Via Los Altos with numerous pigeons, in violation of a multitude of criminal and health violations.

Officers effected a warrant and placed Gerard Enright Jr. under arrest for 597A PC animal cruelty in addition to other miscellaneous codes. After entering the residence officers discovered approximately 300 alive and dead birds. The majority of birds were found to be malnourished or diseased to the degree that they had to be euthanized by veterinarians assisting in the investigation. The residence was extremely dirty and unhealthy due to every room containing cages with ill pigeons. The investigation concluded at 11:00PM with the residence being red tagged by Los Angeles County Public Health officials due to the unhealthy conditions inside.

During the first hours of the investigation, Gerard Enright Jr. was transported to the Torrance Police Department for booking where he soon posted bail. Later that afternoon Mr. Enright returned to his residence while the investigators were checking his home. During a conversation between officers and Mr. Enright, officers recognized that Mr. Enright needed professional help due to his comments. Officers transported him to a medical facility where he could be evaluated.

The investigation continues under the direction of Captain Kevin Kreager.

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