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## **Capture of Home Invasion Robbery Suspect DR # 05-12103**

On November 28, 2005, at approximately 2:30 PM, Torrance Police Department undercover officers arrested 41-year-old Michael O'Neal in connection with the two home invasion robberies at the New Horizons Senior Citizens' Complex. The robberies took place on November 18, 2005, and August 6, 2005.

Last week, Torrance Police detectives received a tip that O'Neal might be a person of interest related to the robberies. After investigating the tip, detectives quickly determined O'Neal was a likely suspect and undercover officers set up surveillance at his residence in the Antelope Valley area. During the morning of November 28, 2005, officers watched O'Neal enter a vehicle and followed him as he drove to the City of Torrance. While in Torrance, officers saw O'Neal drive in and out of residential areas, appearing to be watching people. Officers believed O'Neal was looking for a victim to rob. Officers stopped O'Neal in his vehicle in the area of Torrance Boulevard and Acacia Avenue. Inside the vehicle, officers found a loaded firearm as well as other evidence connecting O'Neal to the two Torrance home invasion robberies. Officers arrested O'Neal and booked him at the Torrance Police Department jail for robbery and other related charges. Later, officers conducted a search warrant at the O'Neals' residence and located additional evidence linking him to the crimes.

The case has been filed with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Elder Abuse Unit. Charges filed include robbery, elder abuse, false imprisonment, burglary, theft, and weapon charges. The investigation continues under the direction of Captain Marc Wilkins.

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