

TORRANCE

Press Release
Police Department

**Four Suspects Convicted in the Sur La Brea
Park Shooting Investigation
DR# 04-7383**

Four men suspected of involvement in the May 13, 2004, shooting of a young man in the City of Torrance's Sur La Brea Park, pled guilty Friday, December 2, 2005, at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles.

The four men: Tony Velasquez, Frank Roberts, Arturo Ruiz, and Arturo Terrazas each pled guilty to charges related to the shooting and accepted sentences of 19, seven, five, and five years respectively in state prison.

Torrance investigators believe this was a gang-related shooting involving gang members from the Wilmington area and that the suspects lured the victim to Sur La Brea Park for the attack. The victim was chased through the park and shot several times as he fled. He escaped with his life, in part, because the shooter's weapon malfunctioned.

Members of the Torrance Police Gang Unit, Detectives Ryan Peterson and Henry Flores, worked with other officers from within the Torrance Police Department, officers from neighboring agencies, and members of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to bring this case to a successful conclusion.

Lt. Rod Irvine
Torrance Police Department
Public Information Officer
Office (310) 618-5688/ Cell (310) 901-0230