



# BULLETIN



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## PIGEON DROP TURNED ROBBERY

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### DETAILS:

On Saturday March 30, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., the 64-year-old victim was working at a residence in the 21100 block of Ladeene doing exterior construction when he was approached by **S1** who stated he had been dropped off by a taxi from Beverly Hills, had recently inherited a large sum of money and needed help donating the money to a charity. **S1** asked the victim



to drive him to the nearest **MCDONALD'S** so he could meet up with his friend. The victim drove **S1** to the **MCDONALD'S** at Torrance/ Victor where **S2** joined them. **S1** explained in order for him to receive his inheritance, he had to make a small donation to a church. He then opened a small bag and pulled out a wad of cash with a \$100 bill wrapped around the outside. **S2** suggested **GOOD SHEPPARD LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 21100 Victor and walked across the street while the victim and **S1** followed in the victim's vehicle. When all arrived at the church, **S1** stated to **S2** that before he could donate any money, he would need from him \$30K in "good faith" money. **S2** stated he lived nearby and would be back shortly with the money. **S2** returned after a few minutes and showed victim and **S1** a wad of cash. **S1** then informed the victim he would receive \$20K if he too could show "good faith" money. When the victim stated he did not have that much money and did not want anything, **S2** asked him to withdraw money from a nearby bank anyway. **S2** entered the victim's unlocked vehicle behind him which scared the victim and caused him to feel he had to drive to a bank. The victim drove the suspects to the **B OF A**, 21700 Hawthorne where **S2** told the victim to withdraw \$3,600. The victim entered the bank while the suspects stayed in his vehicle and withdrew the money from his account. **S2** then told the victim to drive to the **BEST BUY**, 3675 PCH so the victim could buy merchandise as another form of "good faith." Upon arrival, the victim told the suspects he did not want to go inside or buy anything and **S2** ordered him to do so. After the victim exited the store with the purchased merchandise, **S1** told him to drive and they pulled over in front of 23740 Hawthorne where **S1** asked the victim for all his cash and forcibly grabbed it from his hand when the victim first hesitated and then declined. At **S1's** direction, the victim then drove a couple of blocks more at which time the suspects exited the victim's vehicle and fled, **Loss:** cash, Laptops, Headphones, tablets.



**SUSPECT DESCRIPTIONS:** **S1:** Hispanic male adult, 30-35 years old, 5'8"-6' / 200-250 lbs, black, short hair, dark complexion, black long sleeve shirt, gray sweats **S2:** Hispanic male adult, 35-40 years old, 5'8"-5'10"/ 200-250 lbs, black, short hair, medium complexion (seen in composite and images above)

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