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CABLE CO. AMP & BATTERY THEFTS

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DETAILS: Telecommunications company aluminum cable amplifiers and batteries are being targeted for their scrap value by thieves all over the United States; Southern CA has been hit hard in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties.

The amps are located in green boxes as seen in the image below and the batteries are housed in metal cabinets, both of which are installed along parkways in residential and commercial areas. **TIME WARNER CABLE** reports losses since JUL '13 and **COX** and **CHARTER** are experiencing thefts as well. As a result of the thefts, customers not only lose cable service, but in some instances, their ability to dial 9-1-1 (reverse 9-1-1 is also impacted).



The thefts are occurring early morning hours while it is still dark between 3:00a.m. and 5 a.m..

In the event suspects are impersonating company employees, it should be noted that **TIME WARNER CABLE** service personnel will only be in white utility vehicles bearing **TIME WARNER CABLE** markings.

The map above right indicates the 7 incidents that have occurred in the city of Torrance.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION: In one incident, two males were seen, no further description given.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: In one incident, a gray, newer full-sized pick-up truck with bed cover was seen.

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