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BULLETIN



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GYPSY DISTRACTION BURGLARIES

March 10, 2014



JOHN, Joey
Houston, TX



LONG, Bobby
Stafford, TX



NELSON, Harold Tom
Houston, TX



NELSON, John
Kenner, LA

DETAILS: On Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 3:00p.m., Torrance Police patrol officers observed the below-listed suspect vehicle with its engine running and its rear hatch open in the 4000 Blk of 176th Street. Further investigation revealed the victim's side gate was open and the above-pictured suspects were working in concert to distract the elderly female victim in her backyard, posing as **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON** utility workers to provide fictitious services, enter the victim's residence and take pocketable valuables. When officers attempted to make contact, the suspects fled on foot and were ultimately taken into custody with the victim's jewelry. Officers located the suspects' two-way radios, yellow hard hat, large screwdriver and clipboard from surrounding locations where suspects had discarded them.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Black 2011 Lincoln Navigator SUV, with Texas plates

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