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Press Release
Police Department

Snakes Recovered at Entradero Park Sump Area

Incident # 130022019

On Saturday, April 13, 2013, Torrance Animal Control Officers received information of several snakes and what appeared to be snake containers that had been discarded in the sump area of *Entradero Park*, 5500 Towers Street, in the City of Torrance.

Animal Control Officers responded to the location and discovered that one live and one deceased snake were in the sump area. Attempts to locate additional snakes were met with negative results at that time.

On Monday, April 15, 2013, Torrance Animal Control Officers were contacted and advised by a citizen that they had recovered an additional snake from the same sump area. Torrance Animal Control Officers responded back to the location, searched the sump area again and located four additional live snakes.

None of the snakes recovered are poisonous and all of them appear to have been from a private snake collection that was abandoned in the ivy near the sump entrance off of Halison Street. All of the snakes are exotic snakes not native to the Southern California area that likely were kept in a home or business for several years by their owner. From the containers recovered, there appears to be two additional snakes from the original number abandoned. While none of the snakes are poisonous, they are all constrictor snakes that could be a danger to small pets.

Citizens are reminded that the willful abandonment of animals is a violation of Penal Code section 597s (a) and will be prosecuted. Any citizens with information on the identity of the snake owner or who have recovered a snake from the sump are asked to contact Torrance Animal Control at (310) 618-3850 or via email at AnimalControl@TorranceCA.gov. This case is being investigated jointly by Animal Control and the Detective Division under the direction of Captain Bernard Anderson, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau.

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