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## *Press Release*

*Police Department*

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### **Woman Burglarized in 2011 Reunited with Stolen Property**

On July 7, 2017, investigators from the Torrance Police Department posted on its FaceBook page photographs obtained from a stolen camera in hopes to identify the victims. Just a short time later, the victim was positively identified.

On June 28, 2017, Torrance Police investigators from the Special Investigations Division served a search warrant in the City of Hawthorne stemming from an on-going residential burglary investigation. During the search warrant, presumed stolen items were recovered, one of which was a hand-held camcorder.

Investigators extracted some photographs from the camcorder and later posted them to the Torrance FaceBook page. A short time later, an El Segundo resident, who was forwarded the feed, recognized a woman depicted in the photographs as a previous co-worker. She immediately began working with authorities, ultimately guiding them into identifying the victim who had her home burglarized in 2011.

Investigators are not releasing the name of the suspect arrested in this particular case, as they believe he is connected to other burglaries, and may even have ties to a criminal street gang in Los Angeles.

The Torrance Police Department is thankful to its residents and neighboring community members who assisted in helping bring closure for the victim.

This operation was conducted under the command and direction of Torrance Police Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau.

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