

# T O R R A N C E

## *Press Release*

*Police Department*

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### **“Package Thief Apprehended”**

On Thursday, 07 December 2017, undercover Torrance Police Detectives resumed covert surveillance on a subject suspected of stealing packages from doorsteps. Commonly referred to as “Porch Pirates”, investigators began working on a tip provided by a person victimized late October of this year. The victim, who lost a package from their own doorstep, provided officers with a possible vehicle to follow.

During Thursday afternoon, investigators observed Justin Dabu casing residential areas in his vehicle. During that time, he walked up to a residence located in the 3400 block of 227<sup>th</sup> Street and ultimately stole a package. Investigators arrested him and conducted a probation search of his residence where additional stolen property was recovered.



(Justin Dabu 35 yrs of Torrance)

Numerous cases were solved at the conclusion of the investigation, to include the one which initially led investigators to the arrest.

The Torrance Police Department is grateful for another opportunity to collaborate with the community resulting in the apprehension of those involved in criminal activity. The Torrance Police Department continues to encourage its residents to report all suspicious activity. "See Something Say Something".

This investigation was conducted under the command and direction of Torrance Police Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456.



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