

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

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Death Investigation

On Monday, January 1, 2018, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Torrance Police officers responded to Crate & Barrel located at 21710 Hawthorne Boulevard regarding a disruptive subject holding a knife and throwing items in the parking lot. Upon arrival, the subject refused to comply with the officers' commands and subsequently fled on foot. Officers initiated a foot pursuit and ultimately tackled the subject to the ground. The subject continued fighting with officers and attempted to remove one of the officer's duty-weapon. Officers used a taser then restrained both the arms and legs of the subject in order to detain the subject. A check of the area revealed narcotic paraphernalia and a knife.

Once detained, Officers noticed the subject had difficulty breathing. Medical personnel were requested to respond to the scene. The subject was later transported to a local hospital. Approximately 45 minutes later, the Police Department was advised the subject had passed away. The identity of the subject is pending confirmation by investigators, as well as notification to the next of kin.

This incident is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau with the assistance of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Anyone with additional information related to this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570.



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