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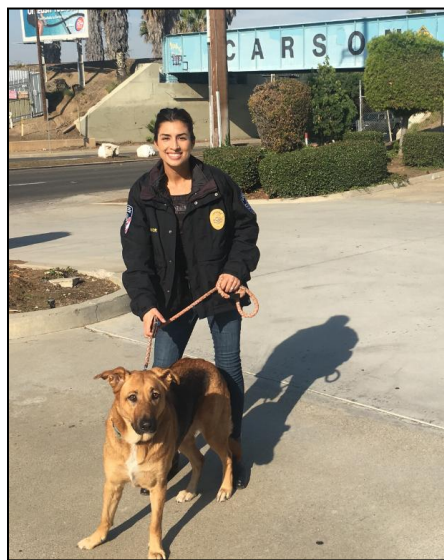
### **“See Something Say Something” Helps reunite a dog with its family**

On January 11, 2018, during the early afternoon, a responsible resident reported suspicious activity in the 2900 block of Carson Street. Patrol Officers arrived and contacted Erik Ruiz Serratos inside a parked vehicle. The preliminary investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen in the City of Carson the day prior. Serratos was arrested for Grand Theft – Auto.

This morning, Crimes Property Detectives began their investigation by first calling the owner of the stolen vehicle. The owner was grateful his vehicle had been recovered, but was distraught because the family dog was inside the vehicle when it was taken. The owner explained that he was checking on his family at a local restaurant in the City of Carson when both his dog and his vehicle were stolen.



Erik Ruiz Serratos, 22 yrs  
of Santa Fe Springs



With this new information, Investigators then interviewed Serratos and discovered the victim’s dog had been left in a transient camp in the area of Main Street and Sepulveda Boulevard near the railroad tracks. Investigators searched until they located the victim’s dog, a five year old German Shepherd named “Holly”.

The Torrance Police Department is grateful for the alert resident that reported the activity. This equipped Torrance Police Officers and Investigators with the necessary tools to reunite “Holly” with her family.

This case is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department’s Detective Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau.

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