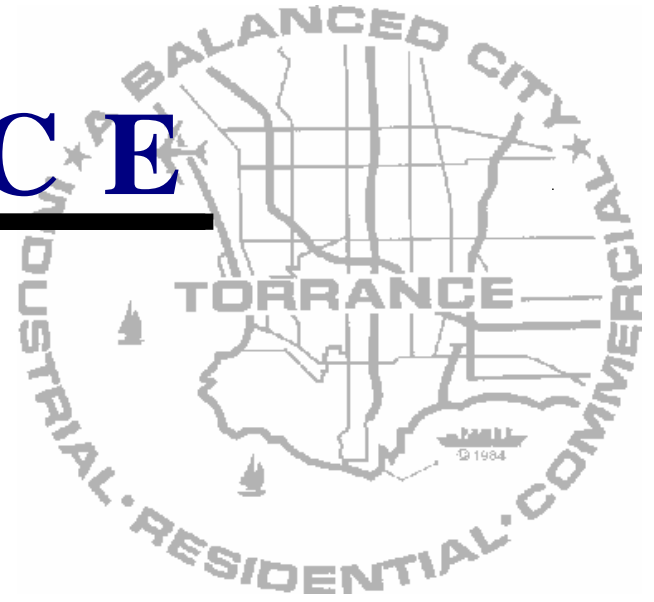


# T O R R A N C E



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## “Vehicle Theft Investigation”

On Sunday evening, September 16, 2018, the owner of a 1997 GMC work truck parked his vehicle in the 4400 block of Torrance Boulevard. The next morning he discovered his vehicle, along with \$15,000 worth of construction tools, had been stolen.

The victim later found his property was being listed on the website “OfferUp” and alerted the Department. On Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Torrance Police Detectives quickly followed-up by identifying and arresting the sellers. A portion of the victim’s stolen property was also recovered. The victim’s vehicle was found abandoned in the City of Los Angeles. *Pictured right is the victim’s property listed online.*



**John Yeater 37 yrs**  
of Lawndale



**Anthony Hobbs 24 yrs**  
Homeless Individual

The Torrance Police Department encourages its residents to take extra precaution when parking their work trucks and vans containing work tools. Storing work trucks and vans in secured garages or parking lots or removing work tools from parked vehicles when practical can help to deter thefts.

This investigation was conducted under the command of Torrance Police Captain Mark Underwood of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456 (DR# 180044769).



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