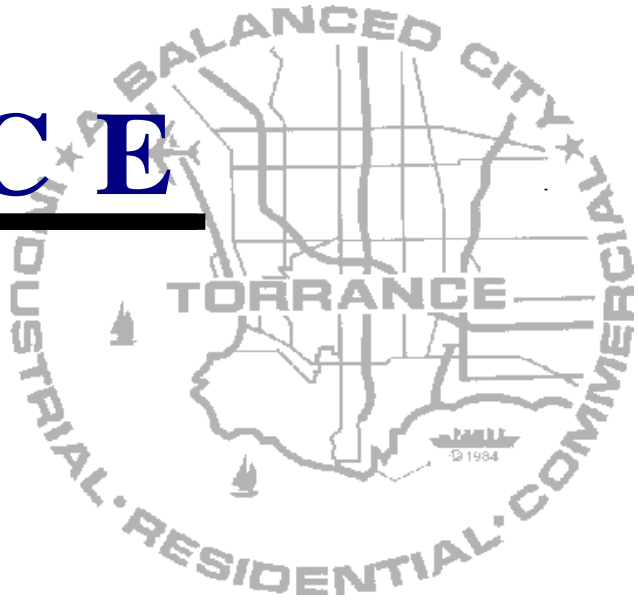


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Press Release

Police Department

October 3, 2018

Torrance Police Investigators Identify Commercial Burglars

AUGUST 8, 2018 - 2:14 AM

Patrol Officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm at Paul's Photo located at 23845 Hawthorne Boulevard and found the front door was smashed. Officers checked the area and located Colomba Contreras and a vehicle next to the business containing over \$40,000 worth of stolen camera equipment. Contreras was arrested, and detectives began an in-depth investigation to identify other co-conspirators.



Colomba Contreras
29 yrs of Argentina



Recovered Camera Equipment

AUGUST 20, 2018 - MIDNIGHT



Hugo Sanchez
37 yrs of Van Nuys

Patrol Officers responded to a commercial burglary in progress at Paul's Photo involving multiple suspects. Upon arrival, officers located and arrested Sanchez for being in a stolen vehicle and for commercial burglary. Officers did not locate additional suspects. Detectives continued with their follow-up.

FOLLOW-UP



Claudio Bravo, 41 yrs
of Panorama City

After extensive follow-up by detectives, which included DNA analysis, Claudio Bravo was identified as a co-conspirator and a warrant was issued. On September 27, 2018, he was arrested by LASD on separate charges. TPD will continue to partner with other agencies which are experiencing similar crimes.

These investigations were conducted under the command of Torrance Police Captain Mark Underwood of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department (310) 328-3456 (DR 180017678).



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