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## Press Release

Police Department

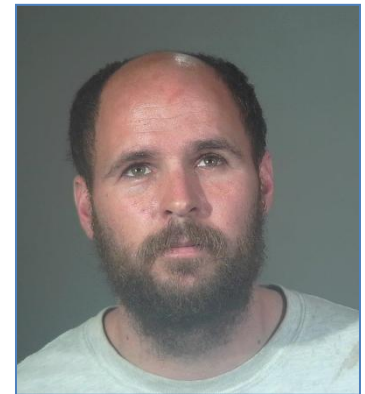
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## "SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" Helps Identify Suspect Illegally Dumping

Over the past few months, the Torrance Police Department and the Torrance Public Works Department have received numerous complaints about illegal dumping throughout the northern and central parts of the city. Illegal dumping, sometimes referred to as "Fly Tipping", is any unauthorized disposal of waste on any public or private property.

Between November 2018 and late January 2019, nearly 10 incidents of illegal dumping were officially reported and several additional requests for clean-ups had been made. Investigators were notified that mounds of construction debris had been discarded on private properties, business lots, city parks and on railroad tracks.

Due to the severity of this public nuisance, as well as safety concerns, Community Lead Officers immediately began their investigation by obtaining tips from the public, reviewing surveillance footage and conducting in-depth follow-up. The investigation ultimately led to the arrest of James Birchfield on January 29, 2019.



James Birchfield  
30 years old  
Torrance

Preliminary estimates for all clean-ups range between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00.

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 and report incidents that greatly impact the quality of life for our residents and businesses. "See Something, Say Something." DR 180061714.



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