

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

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THEFT SUSPECT ARRESTED

This past weekend, on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Torrance Police Patrol Officers responded to Sam's Club located at 2601 Skypark regarding thefts from vehicles. The first theft occurred at approximately 9:45 AM, when the victim's wallet was stolen from her car after she momentarily walked away to return a shopping cart. The second theft occurred the next day at approximately 10:30 AM when a victim's purse was stolen from the front seat of her car while she was loading groceries. Victims and witnesses from these incidents were able to provide descriptions of both the suspect and his vehicle.



Joshua Okoro
24 yrs of
Los Angeles

Upon responding to the theft on Sunday morning, Patrol Officers immediately located the suspect vehicle. The suspect failed to initially yield and led pursuing Officers on a vehicle chase. The pursuit ended after the suspect collided into a parking pole at the New Casa Motel located at 7720 Main Street in the City of Los Angeles. The suspect was not injured.

During the investigation, Officers recovered numerous items of stolen property to include wallets and purses from other victims. Today, Torrance Police Detectives filed (3) three counts of Grand Theft, Evading, Hit & Run and Receiving Stolen Property.

The Torrance Police Department continues to encourage the community to be vigilant of any criminal activity. "See Something, Say Something".

This investigation is being 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 at (310) 328-3456 (DR #190031316). If you have been a victim of this type of crime, or similar crimes, please contact your local authorities to report the incident.



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