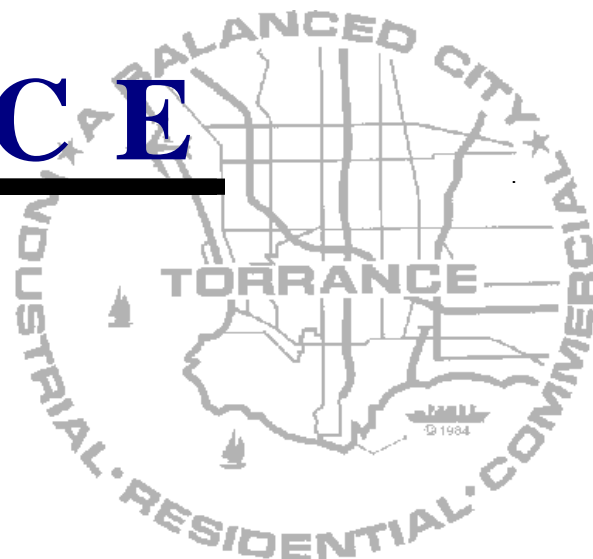


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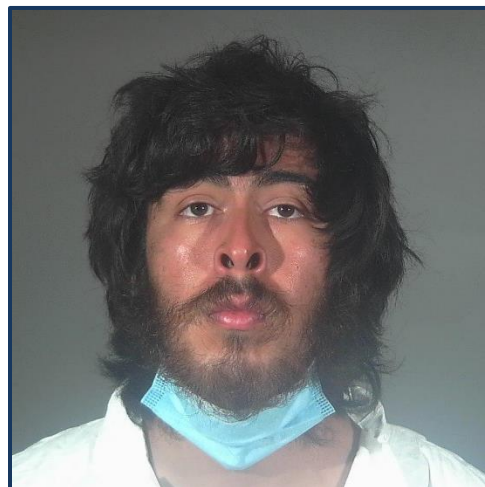
October 12, 2020

### Attempted Homicide Arrest

On Saturday, October 03, 2020, at approximately 7:55 PM, Torrance Police Officers responded to El Retiro Park, located at 126 Vista Del Parque, regarding a stabbing that just occurred. Upon arrival, officers found a 62-year-old male Torrance victim with several stab wounds to his upper torso and head area. Torrance Fire Department treated the victim at the scene and later transported him to a local hospital for further treatment.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim parked his vehicle in the park as he awaited a friend. The suspect walked up to the victim's driver's side open window and began his unprovoked attack on the victim. The suspect stabbed the victim numerous times with a large knife through the open window. The victim was able to scream and honk his horn, successfully scaring off the suspect.

The victim and witnesses were able to provide responding officers with a suspect description and last known direction of travel. Equipped with this information, Torrance Police Officers searched the area and were able to locate the suspect in the 1800 block of Pacific Coast Highway. The suspect, 25-year-old Joseph Mejia, was positively identified and placed under arrest for attempted murder.



Joseph Mejia 25 years  
Homeless Individual

Detectives later filed the charges of attempted murder with great bodily injury with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office

This investigation is being conducted under the command of Torrance Police Captain Mark Athan of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456 (DR# 200036700).



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