

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

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CATALYTIC CONVERTER ARRESTS

In recent months, the City of Torrance and the surrounding communities have seen a drastic increase in thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles. To respond to this criminal trend, the Torrance Police Department Patrol Division and Detectives Division initiated a directed-enforcement operation to combat these thefts on June 7th, 2021. Over the past three weeks, officers have made 20 arrests specific to catalytic converter thefts. This has included arresting suspects with stolen catalytic converters and other stolen property, burglary tools as well as evidence of other crimes involving illegal narcotics, and identity theft. On a few incidents, officers have learned that some of the arrestees are currently awaiting trial for other open cases they have for catalytic converter thefts.



These incidents have occurred during the late-night hours, and the community has been instrumental in assisting our officers as they have been reporting these crimes while they are occurring. This community support has greatly helped in getting officers into the area quickly. In addition, the information from the community has helped the Detectives Division in conducting follow-up investigations. This is a great example of our department applying our proactive-policing philosophy in conjunction with our great community support.

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 Patrol Bureau and Special Operations Bureau. 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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