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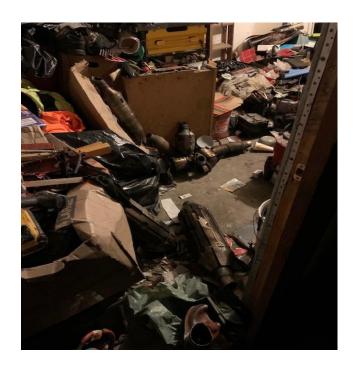
CATALYTIC CONVERTER ARRESTS

This morning, the Torrance Police Department conducted a search warrant operation in the City of Los Angeles stemming from the recent arrests of 20 suspects involved in catalytic converter thefts. Officers from the Special Investigations Division and the Detectives Division were able to identify a location in Los Angeles where suspects were taking the stolen catalytic converters. The detectives obtained a search warrant for the location related to these thefts, and that operation was conducted with the Torrance Police Department and assisted by Gardena Police Department. Ultimately, detectives recovered 87 catalytic converters from the location, and one suspect was arrested.



This operation is coming off the heels of our directed-enforcement operations to combat the increase in catalytic converter thefts in our city. This is a great example of our department applying our proactive-policing philosophy in conjunction with our great community support to identify and arrests criminals at multiple levels.

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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 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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