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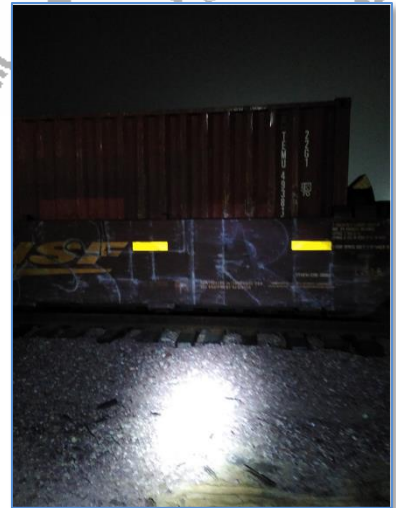
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BURGLARY ARREST

On January 30th, 2022 at about 11:30 PM, officers responded to a suspicious circumstances call from a reporting party who observed several suspects breaking into a train car on the railroad tracks in the area of 190th Street and Hawthorne Blvd. The reporting person observed these suspects carrying boxes from the train cars. Officers arrived on scene and quickly detained one subject. While searching the area of the train cars on the railroad tracks, they detained four more suspects.

During their investigation, officers located train cars that had the locks cut and forced open. They discovered several train cars had property missing from those cars that were forced open. Near the suspects detained, officers recovered small generators still in the boxes which were stolen from one of the train cars. These were the same boxes that the reporting party observed the suspects carrying just prior to being contacted by our officers. Ultimately, all five suspects were arrested for burglary, receiving stolen property and conspiracy.

Recent reporting has shown a dramatic increase in the amount of thefts from rail cars. This arrest serves as a great example of our department partnering with citizens to combat this increase in theft from rail cars in our area. Our 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.



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