

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

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UPDATE

DEL AMO MALL (DAFC) INCIDENT

On December 14th, 2021, at about 6:30 PM, multiple officers responded to reports of shots fired near the Del Amo Fashion Center. The initial reports were a shooting occurred in the south parking lot of BJ's Restaurant. Officers quickly arrived on the scene and located evidence of a shooting in the parking lot. Soon after officers were in the area of the shooting, a report came in of a carjacking/robbery near the Dave & Busters, which is at the south end of the mall. Officers discovered the suspects from the shooting near BJ's Restaurant had fled south from the shooting area and committed a carjacking/robbery of an unrelated victim to the shooting. The victim of the carjacking/robbery was not injured during this violent crime. Later, officers were advised that three victims from the shooting had been brought in to a local hospital by unknown means and were being treated.

Detectives from our Crimes Persons Section immediately began their investigation. Through this investigation, detectives were able to identify two juvenile suspects involved in this case and worked with other law enforcement agencies to locate them, including the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Police Department arrested one suspect on January 4th, 2022, with two additional firearms. The other suspect was arrested shortly after that by another police agency. It should be noted the victim's vehicle from the carjacking was recovered early on in the investigation in the City of Long Beach.

On February 3rd, 2022, our detectives took custody of both juvenile suspects. They filed four counts of attempted murder and two counts of armed robbery for each suspect with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The juvenile suspects will remain in custody pending the preliminary hearing.

This case highlights the collaborative efforts between our agency and other law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County to arrest violent suspects and provide an opportunity for accountability and justice to the victims of violent crime. Our department is working diligently to partner with our victims of violent crime. To help solidify this partnership, the Torrance Police Department encourages the community to be vigilant of any criminal activity. "See Something, Say Something."

This investigation is being conducted under the command of Torrance Police Department Special Operations Bureau.



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