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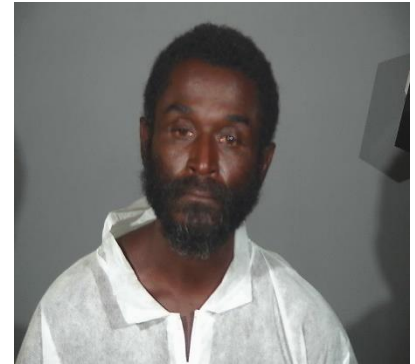
Police Department

August 3, 2022

VIOLENT SUSPECT ARRESTED

On July 31, 2022, at approximately 1:00 AM, a female victim was attacked and sexually assaulted by an unknown person in the 4300 block of Emerald Street in the City of Torrance. While the victim fought the suspect, she was badly injured.

Torrance Police Department brought in several divisions to begin working this violent crime, and worked around the clock to identify the person responsible for this crime. On August 1st, a Public Safety Announcement was released to the media and the public to assist in this investigation.



After this release, investigators from our Detectives Division and Special Investigations Division were able to identify the suspect as Darrell Waters, age 46 and a homeless transient. Investigators from our Special Investigations Division located Waters in our community and Patrol officers arrested Suspect Waters without incident.

This investigation is a great example of the Torrance Police Department's ability to use all available resources and community support to arrest violent criminals. The case has been filed with the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, and the suspect remains in custody.

The Torrance Police Department is continuing to ask the public for assistance in this investigation. We are asking the public to contact the Detectives Division at (310) 328-3456 with any information that may lead to additional victims of Suspect Waters. Please reference Case# 220029321.

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



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