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BULLETIN

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Scam Alert

“Female asking for money posing to be in need”

The Torrance Police Department has received several calls regarding a female suspect using a scam to get money.

The suspect is described as a black female, dressed in a medical smock shirt. The female knocks frantically on the front door. When people answer the door she acts as if to be in a panic, stating that she lives down the street and that she was just notified that her husband has been critically injured at work. She further describes her husband’s injuries as having three fingers cut off during a construction accident.

She continues by saying that none of her neighbors are home and that she needs money for gas to drive to the hospital in San Bernardino. She usually tells people that she will leave her drivers license as proof that she will pay them back. The female has been known to cry a little and act as if to be in a hurry. She has called herself “Cheryl” and “Rachel” during past contacts and has been seen driving a tan or beige Toyota vehicle.

If you are contacted by someone fitting this description or using this type of scam, you are asked to immediately call the police. Other similar scams have involved a male subject asking to come in to charge his cell phone. If contacted by someone you do not know who asks to come into your home, do not let them in your house or give them money. If the person at your door is in real need of assistance or help, he/she will wait for the police to arrive.

We are asking the public to contact the Torrance Police Department if they witness or know of these types of crimes happening in order to document the incidents which will assist us in the investigation and possibly lead to an arrest.

Anyone having further questions regarding this crime bulletin can contact the Community Affairs Division at communityaffairs@torrnet.com.

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