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BULLETIN

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Vandalism to Local Businesses

The Torrance Police Department has been investigating a significant increase in acts of vandalisms to local businesses in the past 3 months. In these cases, suspects have been breaking the front windows of local businesses along a number of major thoroughfares in the City, with a heavy concentration on businesses located on Hawthorne Boulevard, Pacific Coast Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard. In a number of these crimes, the suspects have used a BB/pellet guns to shoot out the front windows of the business. Several businesses have been the target of this vandalism on multiple occasions.

The Torrance Police Department is reminding all business owners, both those of victim businesses and those adjacent to victim businesses, to remain vigilant and we are asking them to review all of their surveillance video footage to help identify the suspects. Any Information about these crimes should be reported to the Torrance Police Department, Detective Division at (310) 618-5570. Any business that has been the victim of these vandalisms but has not reported it to the Torrance Police Department, should also contact the Detective Division.

The Torrance Police Department, Community Affairs Division also offers crime prevention information and training to all Torrance businesses through the Business Watch program. This program is offered at no cost to local businesses and includes periodic crime alert bulletins and allows for more efficient networking between the police department and the business community. The program also offers free, on site security inspections of participating businesses that provide crime prevention information and tips that help avoid being the victim of a crime. These inspections follow the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) model that is recognized nationwide. For more information or to join the Business Watch program, visit the Torrance Police Department website at www.torrancepd.org or www.tpd.tornet.com.

Any citizens with further questions regarding this crime bulletin can also contact the Community Affairs Division at CommunityAffairs@tornet.com

**ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, VEHICLES AND/OR PERSONS SHOULD BE
REPORTED IMMEDIATELY WHEN IT IS OCCURRING.
FOR CRIMES OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN PROGRESS, CALL 9-1-1
FOR NON EMERGENCY REPORTING, CALL (310) 618-5641**