



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On 12/12/07 at approximately 7pm, the Hawthorne Police Department responded to a robbery call in the area of 134th Street and Jefferson Ave. Several suspects got out of a car and robbed a pedestrian at gunpoint. One of the suspects grabbed the victim and shoved a gun to his chest while the second suspect forcibly took the victim's cell phone and wallet. The suspects drove away in a white vehicle.

Officers were able to quickly identify possible suspects, as they were believed to have recently committed several similar types of robberies. Officers responded to the area where they believed the suspect lived when Officer Kirunchyk saw the suspect vehicle driving nearby. The vehicle and occupants were stopped and eventually arrested after finding a replica handgun and items belonging to the victim.

Gardena and Torrance Police Investigators are also looking to see if these suspects are responsible for similar crimes in their cities.

Arrested:

- ❑ ALFARO, JONATHAN, 20 yrs old, out of Los Angeles
- ❑ KELA, AJAH PUAMOHALA, 18 yrs old, out of Los Angeles
- ❑ 14 yr old juvenile