

HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

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Hawthorne SWAT and Detectives served search warrants early this morning in the 11900 block of Birch Ave where an assault rifle, several handguns, and narcotics related evidence were found in the house.

One person was arrested for the weapons and narcotics charges while another was arrested for being in possession of counterfeit currency.

Today's arrest comes as a result of our ongoing fight against gangs terrorizing our community. These weapons were recovered from a home where several children also lived. The living conditions were simply horrendous and we will be working with the Department of Children Services for further investigation.

The Gardena Police SWAT team also assisted in this morning's warrant.

Arrested:



Thomas Montenegro, 35 yrs old, Hawthorne
For counterfeit currency



Jacob Tejeda, 28 yrs old, Hawthorne
For weapons charges

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