



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On Monday, August 16, 2010, at about 01:10 AM, Hawthorne Police officers were on patrol in the area of Isis Avenue and 142nd Street, City of Hawthorne, when they saw (3) three persons walking in the neighborhood. As the officers made contact with these individuals, two of the subjects immediately ran, leaving the third behind.

The officers retrieved a backpack discarded by one of the fleeing subjects. Inside were two "Molotov Cocktail" incendiary devices, along with a container of gasoline. A containment was quickly established in the neighborhood, and officers and K-9's from the cities of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, and Manhattan Beach Police Departments responded to assist in an area search.

During the containment, the Los Angeles County Fire Department received a report of a trash can fire in the 5500 block of 142nd Place. A neighborhood resident was able to extinguish this fire.

At the conclusion of the two hour search, the (2) two outstanding suspects were ultimately located and surrendered to officers.

Arrested on suspicion of "Arson" and "Conspiracy to Commit Arson":

- 1. Timothy Laney: 18 year-old resident of Torrance**
- 2. A 16 year-old male resident of Lomita**
- 3. A 17 year-old male resident of Hawthorne**

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact the Hawthorne Police Department Detective Bureau at (310) 349-2920. The case is also under investigation by the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Arson Investigations Detail.

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