



Press Release

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Subject : Armed Suspect Arrested After Robbery of Target Store.

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Redondo Beach Police Officers arrested a 51 year-old Lakewood man today after he was involved in a robbery at the Target Department store. Officers arrested Robert Robledo today at 12:30 PM, just inside the Mervyn's Department Store. Officers were called to the Target Department store, 1601 Kingsdale Ave, at 10:57 AM, on a robbery that had just occurred. The security staff related that the suspect was observed shop lifting a substantial amount of razor blades. Security confronted the suspect, as he attempted to leave, and he struggled with the security officers as they tried to arrest him. During the struggle the suspect produced a handgun, later found out to be a BB gun, and threatened the security officers. The suspect then fled north on Kingsdale Ave. The suspect entered an unoccupied house in the 1800 Block of Kingsdale Ave. and armed himself with the home owner's real handgun.

During the police search of the area the suspect hid inside the house. When the home owner came home, at about 12:20 PM, the suspect confronted him inside the house. The home owner a 73 year-old man and his 86 year-old friend were threatened by the suspect before the suspect fled. Officers observed him walk from the house and then run inside the Mervyn's Department Store, across the street, where officers took him into custody. The suspect still had the home owner's gun at his time of arrest. The suspect is being held on a no bail hold.

For further information contact Detective Sergeant Peter Grimm, or Sergeant Phil Keenan, Redondo Beach Police Dept. (310) 379-2477.