



## Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

**Subject :** George Freeth Statue Stolen from Redondo Beach Pier

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The bronze statue of George Freeth, a Redondo Beach surfing pioneer, was stolen today in Redondo Beach. The bust was located on the Redondo Beach Pier. There is no suspect information at this time. It appears the suspect(s) may have smashed the bronze bust off of the cement pedestal by striking it with a large rock. The bust has been located on the pier for 31 years. A possible motive for the theft may be the high value of copper, which makes up 88% of bronze.

An investigation is ongoing to find the suspect(s) and return the statue to the Redondo Beach Pier. For further information contact sergeant Phil Keenan, Redondo Beach Police Department, (310) 379-2477.