



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject : Jewelry Store Robbery – Display Cases Smash
Beach Cities Jewelers
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Today, a jewelry store in South Redondo Beach was robbed by several masked men. At approximately 4:55pm, a man wearing a ski-mask wielding a hammer entered Beach Cities Jewelers and began smashing jewelry cases. At least two other men entered the store and began reaching into the smashed cases, pulling jewelry and watches out of the displays. A struggle occurred between the store manager and suspects, during which the manager suffered a blow to the head. After quickly collecting merchandise, suspects left the store and got into a waiting vehicle. The vehicle fled into a nearby residential neighborhood where three suspects were subsequently seen running in the area. Two were quickly apprehended while the third was eventually found hiding in a trash bin in the yard of residence. A few minutes later, the vehicle was observed abandoned near Pacific Coast Highway and Carnelian and was approached by responding officers. However, the remaining suspects had already fled on foot into a nearby neighborhood. One suspect was eventually located in a storage area behind an apartment building. The fifth suspect remains at large at the time of this press release.

Arrested were Deangelo Drake, 27 years of age, of Sun Valley; Bobby Walker, 23, of Los Angeles; Daron Polk, 19, also of Los Angeles, and Bryan Harris, 19, from Inglewood.

If any Redondo residents in homes surrounding the area of Redondo Union High School locate any jewelry in their yards, they are requested to notify the Redondo Beach Police Department. The officers handling this case are Detective Jordan Ext. 2308 and Detective Brenner Ext. 2320.