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Subject : Redondo Beach Police arrest and charge two local men in theft series and are now looking for more victims

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On Thursday, July 21, the Redondo Beach Police Department arrested two men suspected of committing a series of thefts across southern California and many in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County. Robert Messersmith, 31, of Torrance, and William Fulton Jr., 30, of Hawthorne were arrested during the service of a search warrant at a home in the City of Torrance. Property belonging to theft victims from across Southern California was recovered at the time of the arrest. The Los Angeles County District Attorney filed multiple theft and weapon violation charges against each of the men this week.

Some of the property has been matched to recent crime reports and returned to victims but the Redondo Beach Police Department is seeking others that may have been victimized as part of this theft series. A large amount of recovered property including construction tools and equipment, some jewelry and sporting goods still remains unclaimed. A link has been set-up on the Redondo Beach Police Department webpage located at www.redondo.org/police/ for the public to view the recently recovered property. Follow the link titled *Photos of Recovered Theft Items* to view photos of the items whose owners are being sought. Victims who believe that their property is among the items depicted should contact the Redondo Beach Police Department Crimetips line at (310) 937-6685 or crimetips@redondo.org and leave a detailed message for investigators. Owners of the property must present documentation or sufficient information to verify their ownership.

Messersmith



Fulton



