



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : **Domestic Violence Arrest in Redondo Beach**

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On April 2, 2014 at approximately 12:35 PM, officers from the Redondo Beach Police Department attempted to detain a suspect who was suspected of battering a former girlfriend and violating a domestic violence restraining order. The suspect fled from officers and hid inside a commercial business building located at 2502 Artesia Blvd in the City of Redondo Beach. Several businesses at the location were evacuated and the area was contained with assistance from Manhattan Beach Police Department personnel. During the incident, portions of Artesia Blvd were closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. At approximately 4:05 PM Officers entered the location with a Police K9 dog and located the suspect hiding inside the location. While taking the suspect into custody both the suspect and an officer sustained dog bite injuries. Both were transported to hospitals to treat what were believed to be non life-threatening injuries. The suspect was identified as 46 year old Los Angeles resident James Coward.