



Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : **Attempted Homicide in Redondo Beach**

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On May 8, 2014 at about 11:40 a.m. Redondo Beach Police Department and Torrance Police Department officers responded to the area of Hawthorne Bl. and 177th St. regarding numerous reports of a subject being repeatedly stabbed in the center median.

Officers arrived in less than a minute and found a male adult victim in the center median of Hawthorne Bl. who had been stabbed in the torso multiple times. The suspect was being restrained by a witness. Officers arrested the suspect without incident. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he is being treated for his life threatening injuries.

The suspect has been identified as Kenneth James Tofaeono, an 18 year old resident of Torrance. Tofaeono was arrested for attempted murder.

The preliminary investigation into this incident has revealed that this act of violence was not a random event. The suspect and the victim knew each other and appear to have been involved in a dispute over the theft of a cell phone. Today's event occurred when the victim saw the suspect in the Islands Restaurant parking lot at 1609 Hawthorne Bl. The victim confronted the suspect about the theft and an altercation ensued. The fight between the two led to the center median of Hawthorne Bl. where the victim was stabbed.

Anyone having information about this event is urged to contact the Redondo Beach Police Department in any of the following ways:

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