



Huntington Beach Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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Release Date:

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 10851 CVC – Auto Theft	
LOCATION: 419 Main Street #B, HB - Business Name "Numbers Total"	
DATE/TIME OF OCCURANCE: 5-11-2007 / 23:45 hours	CASE NUMBER: 07-008710

VICTIM INFORMATION Victim # ___ of ___ (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple victims)

NAME/AGE/: 23 victims identified so far
CITY OF RESIDENCE:
INJURIES/CONDITION:
WHERE HOSPITALIZED:

SUSPECT INFORMATION ARRESTED YES NO

SUSPECT # 1 of 1 . (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple suspects)

NAME/DOB (OR DESCRIPTION): Suzette Joan Diaz /42 yrs old			
CITY OF RESIDENCE: Westminster			
CHARGES:	1) 10851 CVC	2)	3)
BOOKED AT: Huntington Beach City Jail			
INJURIES/CONDITION:			
WHERE HOSPITALIZED:			

SUSPECT VEHICLE INFORMATION

MAKE/MODEL:	COLOR:	YEAR:
LICENSE/STATE:	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:	

Press Release Prepared By: <u>Sgt. Reinhart</u>	Date/Time on Pressline:
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DETAILS: The police department received information about complaints of vehicles being towed from Jax's Bicycles at 401 Main Street. During the investigation it was determined that Diaz was calling the police department and obtaining Private Property Impound authorization posing as an agent for the property at 401 Main Street. Her business is located at 419 Main Street #B and has no relationship with the property at 401 Main Street. She was then calling Medlin's Towing in Westminster to tow the vehicles away under the illegally obtained PPI authorization. Medlin's Towing, who pays their tow drivers on a commission, would tow and hold the vehicles until the owners would pay the towing fees.

Today, members of the Huntington Beach Police Department's Directed Enforcement Team served an arrest warrant on Diaz for auto theft. In addition, search warrants were served at Numbers Total, 419 Main Street #B, Huntington Beach and at Medlin's Towing, 13645 Milton Avenue, Westminster. Diaz was arrested near her residence and booked with a \$25,000 bail. A total of 23 victims have been identified so far. The police department is requesting anyone with additional information regarding this incident or you feel you may be an additional victim, please contact:

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