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**News Advisory**

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
JOIN FORCES IN THE "GIFTS FOR GUNS" PROGRAM**

**WHO:** CHIEF CECIL RHAMBO, COMMANDER KEVIN GORAN, AND CAPTAIN MATHEW DENDO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

**WHAT:** THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, PRESENT THE "GIFTS FOR GUNS" PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SAFELY AND ANONYMOUSLY SURRENDER ANY FIREARM TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR A \$100 GIFT CARD (\$200 FOR ASSAULT WEAPONS) TO RALPH'S SUPERMARKETS, FOOD 4 LESS SUPERMARKETS, OR TARGET STORES. THE PROGRAM IS MEANT TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS SAFER WHILE PROVIDING THOSE SURRENDERING FIREARMS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHRISTMAS JUST A LITTLE BRIGHTER. THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2008 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. EACH DAY.

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2008, AT 3:00 P.M. (PRESS CONFERENCE)

**WHERE:** LENNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL  
11033 BUFORD AVENUE  
LENNOX, CALIFORNIA 90304  
(THOMAS GUIDE PAGE 703, B-6)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT LIEUTENANT VAL ROSARIO AT (626) 367-7906, OR SERGEANT KELLY POROWSKI OR DEPUTY ISMAEL JIMENEZ AT (310) 671- 7531.

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