Police Vice Squad Crackdown Paying Off'

Torrance's crackdown on teenage drinking and on the businesses who sell alcoholic beverages to teenagers is "paying off in citations."

Sgt. Lee Ashman, commander of the Torrance Po-lice Department's vice divi-sion, told the Press-Herald sion, told the Press-Herald Friday his officers have issued numerous citations since the announced crackdown be-gan in mid-October.

Efforts of Torrance Police have been aided by agents of the state's Alcoholic Bever-age Control Board, Sgt. Ash-man reported. The intensified enforce-ment program is aimed pri-

marily at liquor stores, mar-kets, and other firms which sell beer and liquor to teenagers. Sgt. Ashman said the problem is "beginning to re-solve itself among the more conscientious businesses who

He reminded all retail liquor outlets that the re-sponsibility to be sure a customer is of age rests with them. "It's the store's prob-lem to check far enough to remove any doubt that a person is under age," Sgt. Ash-

man said.

Much of the blame for teenage drinking and the problems it causes rests with parents, Sgt. Ashman said. "If the parents didn't permit drinking, I wouldn't have to be enforcing these laws," he

Another significant factor, according to Sgt. Ashman, is the number of teenagers who work as clerks in liquor stores. In many instances, he noted, the teenage employes sell to other teenagers with-

out question. The resp responsibility, Sgt. Ashman, said is with each store owner. He should make sure his employes have been properly trained not only to ask for identification, but to make sure the identification

is valid.

Torrance police will continue their investigation and surveillance with the aid of Alcoholic Beverage Control board personnel, Sgt. Ashman said, Cooperation from the public is again solicited,

Accident Pins Cyclist

Between Two Vehicles

will continue to check every report which is

ceived, as well as initiate their own investigations. In addition, Sgt. Ashman said, residents of the community may protest the loca-tions for proposed liquor out-lets by writing to the Alco-holic Beverage Control Board. Notices of applications and proposed locations are published in the legal section of

newspapers.
Penalties for selling alcoholic beverages to teenagers of up to one year in jail, a fine, or both, may be imposed by the courts and dealers are subject to action by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Set Ashman said trol Board, Sgt. Ashman said California law prohibits a man who has a license re-voked from applying for a

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DAMAGED VEHICLE... Torrance police and firemen hoist a damaged motor-cycle onto a tow truck following a Friday afternoon crash at Artesia Boulevard and Afkinson Street. Daniel Arthur Ptacek, 19, suffered multiple fractures when a car turned left in front of him. Ptacek was pinned between two cars in the accident and had to be freed by Torrance firemen. (Press-Herald Photo)

While Others Feasted

Sales Class and the part of t Holiday Burglars

after the brutal beating of his visiting mother, has told Torrance police he remem-bers nothing about the inci-dent "except kicking her

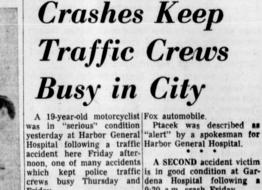
Robert Mowry Riddle Jr., 27, of 20359 Anza Ave., was jailed late Thursday evening after he summoned police to his apartment home and re-portedly told them to "get her out of here before I kill

Beating

Victim

Better

Riddle is accused of at-tempted murder and assault with intent to do harm. He was being held at the Tor-rance Jail without bail.



noon, one of many accidents which kept police traffic crews busy Thursday and Friday.

Daniel Arthur Ptacek, 4158 W. Redondo Beach Blvd, was treated at Gardena Hospital and then transferred to Harbor General Hospital following the 3:45 crash.

Ptacek suffered multiple fractures of the legs and arms and sustained numerous cuts and bruises when his motorcycle and two cars collided at Artesia Boulevard and Atkinson Avenue. Torrance firemen were called to the scene to free Ptacek, who

Freeway Talks Due --Three State Division of Highways officials
will discuss plans for the proposed Pacific Coast
Freeway through Harbor City and Lomita Thursday at a meeting of the Narbonne Coordinating
Council. The meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at
the Harbor City Elementary School, 1508 W.
254th St. S. L. Elicks, R. H. Williams, and V. E.
Hall plan to discuss proposed routes for the freeway. The adopted route now ends at Gaffey and
Anaheim streets in San Pedro.

To Speak Here Tuesday

The promotion of Robert Foster to the post of assistant vice president at Bank of America's Wilshire-Sweetzer by Artesia Blvd., told police. Dedeaux, 19, 07 2655
W. Artesia Blvd., told police. Dedeaux said the recorder and four tapes were worth about \$160.

Llewellyn Bartholomew, 24, of 209 Park St., reported the theft of an AMFM radio from his car while parked in an industrial parking lot. Communists in filtrated the Bartholomew, who also lost in an industrial parking lot. Bartholomew, who also lost in the distinguish and the thief forced open said the thief forced open said the thief forced open she will deleve by Ferner Nagy, the wind wing. A value of ever, when he was unable to she will depressed the thing arian government. He was dedicated to assisting the sign. Following active party \$1.

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