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ISSUE 1 · FREE MONTHLY BRIEF

SOCAL CARGO THEFT BRIEF

NOVEMBER 2026



For warehouse, DC, 3PL and yard managers in LA and Orange County. One page a month: what happened, the numbers, and one question for your own site.

WHAT HAPPENED

TORRANCE · LA COUNTY SHERIFF · ANNOUNCED OCT 27

Fake pickup in Torrance. Load recovered.

Sheriff's detectives made arrests after a shipment left a Torrance warehouse on a fictitious pickup, and recovered the entire load. No charges have been filed yet.

> **For your site:** the record of who showed up, and what they were cleared to take, is what decides cases like this.

Source: FreightWaves, Oct 29, 2026 (updated Oct 30)

WHITTIER · LAPD · ANNOUNCED OCT 6

Stolen rail cargo found at a Whittier store.

LAPD found pallets of goods tied to stolen rail shipments at a Whittier store. The owner was arrested on suspicion of receiving stolen property and said he bought from middlemen.

> **For your site:** stolen freight gets resold through ordinary-looking channels. Know who is on your yard at night.

Source: FreightWaves, Oct 7, 2026

THE NUMBERS

WHERE

38%

California's share of all US cargo theft in 2025, up from 32% in 2024.

Source: Overhaul, via FreightWaves

WHAT KIND OF SITE

37%

Share of identified theft locations that were warehouses and DCs, Q2 2026.

Source: Overhaul, via FreightWaves

WHEN

29%

Share of cases that happen between midnight and 6am.

Source: Overhaul Q1 2026, via CCJ

BEFORE THE THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND

ONE THING TO CHECK THIS MONTH

If a truck shows up for a pickup in the middle of the night over the holiday, who on your site decides if it leaves, and what do they check it against?

Can't answer it quickly? Worth a look before the long weekend. Pass it to whoever runs your night shift.

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