



# CITY OF LA PALMA

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## La Palma Police Arrest Forgery Suspects

LA PALMA, Calif. – On August 30, 2013, the La Palma Police Department arrested Geo Bum Yeo, 56, and Il Hyoung Son, 46, both from Los Angeles, on suspicion of forgery and identity theft. Yeo and Son are suspected of placing advertisements in *The Korea Daily* newspaper under the business name of EZ Capital Loan, attracting victims who needed business and personal loans and then defrauding their victims by convincing them that they would get quick loans if they provided bank information that included bank statements, ATM cards, PIN numbers, bank deposit slips, and blank personal checks. This information was used to withdraw funds from victim's bank accounts utilizing ATM cards and fraudulent checks. The suspects have been charged with nine counts of identity theft, forgery, and grand theft and are being held at the Orange County Jail with a bail of \$100,000 each.

The ongoing investigation suggests that there are numerous victims throughout the Orange and Los Angeles County area. Other potential victims are encouraged to contact the La Palma Police Department – Investigations Division, at (714) 690-3378.

### **About the City of La Palma**

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2007, 2011, and 2013 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 57 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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