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Two Arrested for Armed Robbery Spree in Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash. – Tacoma Police Detectives have arrested two juvenile males believed to be responsible for an armed robbery spree that occurred in Tacoma.

On May 31, 2023, five armed robberies occurred in the City of Tacoma in a four-hour time span. The victims, all females, were comprised of nurses going to and from their vehicles while at work, a patron waiting at a bus stop, and two customers at different businesses loading groceries into their cars. During each of these robberies, the victims had a handgun pointed at them. Victims gave similar descriptions of the suspects and the vehicle the suspects used.

On June 1, 2023, after a brief pursuit of the vehicle associated with the robberies, officers from the Tacoma Police Department arrested a 16 year-old suspect. The vehicle was determined to have been stolen from a Tacoma residence on May 23, 2023.

Detectives, working with Crime Scene Technicians, local businesses and community members, developed probable cause to arrest a fifteen year-old co-conspirator. On June 23, 2023, the suspect was arrested at a residence in Tacoma.

Both juveniles were booked into Remann Hall for charges related to a total of six armed robberies. Investigations are ongoing linking them to several more armed robberies that occurred both in Tacoma, and surrounding jurisdictions.

The arrests made were related to the following cases:

Case # 23-14902087 – At 8:15 p.m. on May 29, 2023, an armed robbery of a nurse in the 300 block of South "L" Street.

Case # 23-15101942 – At 5:53 p.m. on May 31, 2023, an armed robbery of a nurse in the 1100 block of 6th Avenue.

Case # 23-15101958 - At 6:00 p.m. on May 31, 2023, armed robbery of a nurse in the 1600 block of South "J" Street.

Case # 23-15102095 - At 6:52 p.m. on May 31, 2023, an armed robbery of a patron in the 3000 block of East Portland Avenue.

Case # 23-15102129 - At 6:24 p.m. on May 31, 2023, an armed robbery of a customer in the 600 block of South 38th Street.

Case # 23-15102500 - At 9:55 p.m. on May 31, 2023, an armed robbery of a customer in the 6900 block of South 19th Street.

The investigations are ongoing. Anyone with further information regarding these or other associated crimes are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222 TIPS.

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