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Arrests Made in String of Car Jacking Robberies

Desert Hot Springs, July 6, 2022:

On June 26, 2022, at approximately 9:45 pm, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to the 14300 block of Palm Drive for a reported carjacking robbery. The victim reported that a male subject approached him and robbed him at gunpoint, taking property and his vehicle and fled the area. The vehicle was later recovered but the suspect remained at large.

On July 4, 2022, at approximately 6:00 pm, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to the 14000 block of Palm Drive for a reported carjacking robbery with shots fired. Officers contacted a victim who advised two male subjects approached and robbed them of their vehicle at gunpoint and fired a shot in the air during the robbery before fleeing the scene in the vehicle.

On July 5, 2022, at approximately 11:30 am, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to the 66300 block of Two Bunch Palms Trail for a reported carjacking robbery. Officers contacted the victim who advised two male subjects approached and robbed them of their vehicle at gunpoint. Patrol officers who were aware of the previous robberies, began checking the area where the last stolen vehicle had been recovered. At that time, officers located the stolen vehicle and noted it was occupied by (3) suspects. Upon seeing the officers, two suspects fled on foot from the vehicle and the third surrendered at the vehicle and was taken into custody. With the assistance of Riverside County Sheriff Gang Task Force Officers, DHSPD Officers and Detectives set up containment in the area. A short time later, the other two suspects were taken into custody. The firearm used in the robberies was recovered at the time of arrest.

DHSPD Detectives conducted further investigation and subsequently confirmed two of the suspect's involvement in the previous robberies.



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All three suspects were juveniles ages 15-17 and were booked into the Riverside County Juvenile Hall on numerous charges including PC 215 – Carjacking, PC 211 – Robbery, PC 245(a)(2) – Assault with a firearm, and PC 182 – Conspiracy, and PC 186.22 – Participating in a Criminal Street Gang.

For more information, please contact Detective Sergeant Christopher Saucier at (760) 668-1840 or via email at csaucier@dhspd.com

Anyone with additional information pertaining to this investigation is encouraged to contact detectives or if you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.

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