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## Press Release

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## Armed Robbery



Suspect #1

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Suspect Vehicle

An armed robbery occurred on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:50 A.M. in the 500 block of West Imperial Avenue. Two young female adult victims were sitting on the curb when the suspect, armed with a handgun, approached them on foot and demanded both of their phones. One of the female victims who momentarily hesitated to give up her phone was struck in the face by the suspect with the barrel of his gun. After taking the two phones, the suspect ran away eastbound Imperial Avenue to an awaiting older 4 door maroon colored sedan, possibly a 1990's Chevrolet Impala or Ford Thunderbird. The car was last seen

driving eastbound Imperial Avenue towards Main Street. The two female victims were there to do volunteer work with the “Tree Musketeers” (an organization who works to empower young people to be environmental leaders) and had arrived early.

Suspect #1 is described as a male black, 22 to 27 years old, 6’-2”, 180 pounds, full black beard, wearing a black baseball cap, and all dark clothing. Suspect #2 who was driving the maroon sedan was described as a male black, 27 to 33 years old, dark skin, unknown height, medium build, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt.

Video footage from an apartment complex shows the maroon sedan drive westbound Imperial Avenue and pass the two victims who were seated on the curb. Approximately one minute later, the maroon sedan is seen again driving eastbound past the two victims. Approximately thirty seconds later, suspect #1 is seen approaching the two victims on foot carrying a handgun and strike one of the female victims in the face, then run away eastbound on foot.

If anyone has information related to this crime or the suspects’ identity, please contact Detective Ryan Danowitz at (310) 524-2258 or [rdanowitz@elsegundo.org](mailto:rdanowitz@elsegundo.org). Video footage from the robbery is available on DVD.

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