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Des Plaines Police Investigating Armed Robbery at Rivers Casino

DES PLAINES, Illinois (September 30, 2024) – The Des Plaines Police Department is investigating an Armed Robbery that occurred at Rivers Casino on September 30, 2024, at 1:45 a.m.

Des Plaines officers responded to the casino at 3000 S. River Road after a 38-year-old female complainant from Palatine called 911 to report that four male subjects armed with firearms attempted to steal her vehicle.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the caller, her husband, and two friends were exiting the casino, walking towards her vehicle, a 2018 white Jeep Grand Cherokee, when she observed a male subject wearing a full-face cover in her vehicle. The caller reported seeing three additional suspects, all males armed with firearms and wearing full-face covers. One subject was standing at the front of the Jeep holding a firearm, and the other two were seated in a silver Volvo parked just to the north of the Jeep.

The caller's husband, a 40-year-old male from Palatine, attempted to approach the driver's side of the Jeep, at which time, one of the suspects in the parked Volvo flashed a firearm at him and advised him to stay away. The couple began walking away from their vehicle to call and request police assistance when the suspect exited the Jeep, ran towards the husband, pointed the firearm at his face, and forcefully removed a silver necklace from around his neck. The same suspect then approached one of the couple's friends, a 28-year-old male from Vernon Hills, pointed the firearm at him, and ripped a silver necklace from his neck. The subject then ran towards the Volvo, re-entered the vehicle with his accomplices, and fled the scene.

The victims declined medical attention, stating they were uninjured.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact the Des Plaines Police Department at 847.391.5400.

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Please remember that although a person may be charged with a crime, a charge is merely an accusation, and the person is innocent until proven guilty.

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