

Minneapolis Police Department – Fifth Precinct Crime Alert & Update

The increase in street robberies including carjacking incidents has been persistent and very troubling this year. While not every recent incident appears connected to a pattern, there have been multiple incidents involving teen/young adult suspects acting in a group to approach the intended victim on the street, sidewalk, parking area or garage and then using physical force or the threat of force to demand the victim's bag, phone and car keys. In some incidents the victim's car is driven from the scene by the suspects. We know the suspects are using stolen cars to travel quickly around the city and they are often wearing masks. The incidents happen very quickly and with masks worn, it can be challenging for witnesses and victims to describe and identify those involved.

While patrolling between 911 calls, officers are working to locate and recover the stolen vehicles that are being used to move around the city, to identify potential suspects and to secure evidence, especially critical video evidence. Crime lab personnel are processing key recovered vehicles for evidence. All of this will help us put together strong cases for the Hennepin County Attorney's office to review so that the offenders may be held accountable and receive appropriate services to reduce the likelihood that they will re-offend. Investigators have identified many of the suspects involved. Some have been arrested in prior cases this year, and officers and investigators are familiar with the individuals' descriptions. One recent arrest took place on the afternoon of October 24th. A group of young people reportedly used a vehicle taken in a carjacking the previous day, in the 5000-block of Chowen Avenue South, while carjacking a 67-year-old woman near Cedar Lake Road and Cedar Lake Parkway. Fourth Precinct officers located the freshly stolen car and took four juvenile suspects into custody; the juveniles ranged in ages 13 to 16-years-old. That case is now moving forward in the juvenile justice system.

Below is a crime map and brief summary of the carjacking and robberies of person reported to MPD within the Fifth Precinct area between October 12th and October 25th, 2020. Anyone with additional information or evidence for any of these incidents, is asked to please reach out to MPD by contacting their Crime Prevention Specialist.

We thank everyone in the community who reported when these incidents occurred, as well as those who shared information and evidence. That is crucial in making progress in these investigations and making our neighbors safer and more peaceful. With crime and safety on the minds of many, we are encouraging community members to review common crime prevention tactics such as those in the attachment. While this is by no means an exhaustive list, these are some ways we can reduce opportunities for crime and protect ourselves, our homes and our belongings.

**CARJACKING AND ROBBERY OF PERSON INCIDENTS IN THE 5TH PRECINCT AREA
OCTOBER 12th - 25th, 2020**

See attachment for Crime Prevention Recommendations



CARJACKING INCIDENT DESCRIPTIONS

10/14/20 1:12am GO# 2020-264190 | 31XX Aldrich Ave S - alley

- Gunpoint | Victim: adult male | Suspects: 3 males | Incident: victim was retrieving water from vehicle when suspects approached, threatened, and demanded items & phone passcode, then items stolen | Loss: vehicle with key, wallet and contents, and iPhone | Medical not requested

10/17/20 6:56pm GO# 2020-267102 | 40XX Grand Ave S - street

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 1 male & 2 females | Incident: victim was unloading purchases when approached and assaulted by suspects and items stolen | Loss: vehicle with key and dog (released and found its way home), iPhone, purse and contents, and residential keys | Medical not requested

10/17/20 7:30pm GO# 2020-267122 | 31XX Girard Ave S - alley

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 1 adult male & 2 adult females | Incident: victim was unloading bags when approached and assaulted by suspects and items stolen | Loss: vehicle with key, purse and contents, residential keys | Medical not requested

10/18/20 12:18pm GO# 2020-267652 | 12XX Franklin Ave W – street

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 2 adult males | Incident: victim was unloading items when approached from behind and assaulted by suspects and items stolen | Loss: vehicle with keys and iPhone | Medical not requested

10/19/20 7:54pm GO# 2020-268667 | 34th Street W/Dupont Ave S - street

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 2 adult males | Incident: victim and sister were walking away from vehicle when approached from behind by suspects who'd been loitering nearby and asked "where north was" and to use the victim's phone, then items stolen off victim's person | Loss: vehicle with keys, phone, purse and contents | Medical not requested

10/23/20 3:07pm GO# 2020-271489 | 50XX Chowen Ave S – street

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 4 teenage males | Incident: victim was exiting vehicle with purse when suspects ran up, assaulted her, demanded items and phone passcode, and items stolen | Loss: vehicle with keys, iPhone, purse and contents | EMS provided aid on scene

ROBBERY INCIDENT DESCRIPTIONS

10/12/20 3:15pm GO# 2020-262932 | 31XX Pillsbury Ave – apartment vestibule

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 2 males | Incident: victim was entering her building when approached from behind by suspects, assaulted, and attempted purse theft | Loss: none | EMS transported victim

10/16/20 1:00am GO# 2020-269007 | 29XX Girard Ave S – inside bar/restaurant

- Strongarm | Victim: adult male | Suspects: 3 adult males | Incident: victim “sucker-punched” while entering cellphone code and items stolen | Loss: iPhone and wallet with contents, along with unauthorized use of cash app | Medical not requested

10/16/20 8:24pm GO# 2020-266400 | 19XX 3rd Ave S – inside market

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 1 adult male & 1 adult female | Incident: victim was meeting suspect #1 to retrieve her key & phone, suspect #1 arrived with suspect #2 (relative of #1), both assaulted victim and stole items | Loss: vehicle keys and cellphone | EMS transported

10/16/20 8:30pm GO# 2020-266403 | 35XX Humboldt Ave S – alley driveway

- Sprayed with mace | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 2 teenage males | Incident: victim was exiting vehicle when approached from behind and assaulted with mace, then stole item off victim’s person | Loss: vehicle keys on lanyard, later vehicle | Medical not requested

10/16/20 9:18pm GO# 2020-266442 | Lake Street W/Irving Ave S – sidewalk

- Knifepoint | Victim: adult male | Suspects: 2 adult males & 1 adult female | Incident: victim was walking when approached from behind and threatened at knifepoint by suspects, assaulted, and items stolen | Loss: Galaxy cellphone and smartwatch, and wallet with contents | EMS transported

10/17/20 8:15pm GO# 2020-267151 | 26th Street W/Pillsbury Ave S – intersection

- Bat or club | Victim: male | Suspects: 2 males | Incident: victim was walking when approached by suspects on bicycles, assaulted, and items stolen | Loss: clothing | Medical not requested

10/17/20 8:30pm GO# 2020-267155 | 44XX 1st Ave S – residential garage

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 3 males | Incident: victim was exiting her vehicle when approached from behind, assaulted, and items stolen | Loss: purse with contents, including vehicle and residential keys | Medical not requested

10/17/20 9:10pm GO# 2020-267192 | 26XX Blaisdell Ave S – street

- Knifepoint | Victim: adult male | Suspects: 2 adult males | Incident: victim was loading items into his vehicle when approached by suspects, 1 armed with a knife and demanded

items, and items stolen | Loss: Galaxy cellphone, wallet and contents, tote bag with paperwork, lunch bag | Medical not requested

10/20/20 11:10am GO# 2020-269076 | 50XX Abbott Ave S – residential garage

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspect: adult female | Incident: victim unloading vehicle was approached from behind and assaulted by suspect and items stolen | Loss: purse and contents | Medical not requested

10/21/20 5:35pm GO# 2020-270058 | 36XX Nicollet Ave – sidewalk

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspects: 3 males | Incident: victim was walking when an SUV parked near her, suspects exited vehicle and approached from behind, stole items, and assaulted her | Loss: purse and contents | EMS provided aid on-scene

10/23/20 2:54pm GO# 2020-271483 | 8XX 50th Street W – inside business

- Strongarm | Victim: adult female | Suspect: 2 teenage males | Incident: victim was followed into business by suspects, one suspect asked staff about a restroom and the second suspect stole item off victim's person | Loss: purse with contents | Medical not requested

10/24/20 7:31pm GO# 2020-272573 | 27XX Nicollet – alley

- Unknown object | Victim: adult male | Suspects: 2 males | Incident: victim parked and was walking to nearby establishment when approached quickly from behind and assaulted, an unknown object pressed to his back, then items demanded and stolen | Loss: wallet with contents | EMS transported