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Protocols and partnerships produce a quick arrest in the latest robbery spree.

March 24, 2024 (Minneapolis) The Minneapolis Police initiated a Robbery Pattern Response Protocol after three robberies occurred in less than an hour. The University of Minnesota Police arrested a suspect believed to be involved in at least two of three robberies.

At approximately 12:50 a.m., an adult male and female were robbed at gunpoint on the 1200 Block of Como Ave SE. The robber took their cell phones and wallets. (24-76146)

At approximately 1:20 a.m. an armed suspect with a similar description robbed three males near 8 St Se and 13 Av Se. (24-76160)

At approximately 1:27 a.m., an armed suspect carjacked a vehicle on the 1100 block of 7th St SE. (24-76168)

A Robbery Pattern Response Protocol was initiated.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., UMPD officers located the suspect vehicle from the first two robberies near 6th ST SE and 12th AVE SE. The vehicle was traveling without lights and was driven by a male matching the description of the robbery suspect. UMPD Officers attempted a traffic stop of the vehicle on westbound 4th Street SE. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and UMPD pursued the vehicle. The vehicle exited onto northbound 35W. At approximately 1:33 a.m., the vehicle crashed near the Johnson St NE exit and flipped over onto southbound 35W.

UMPD Officers arrested 20-year-old Khalid Abdi Mahamud. Mahamud was transported to HCMC with apparent non-life-threatening injuries. Once cleared by medical staff, Mahamud will be booked into the Hennepin County Jail.

A handgun and evidence from the robberies were recovered.

MPD is investigating and will determine if the robberies are related.

“I continue to be proud of the great work our officers are doing around the clock to address the recent spike in robberies,” said Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara. “I believe our rapid response, all hands-on deck strategy is working, and I am thankful to the University of Minnesota Police and all our law enforcement partners who continue to answer the call to protect all people of our city.”

In February 2024, Chief O’Hara enacted a Robbery Pattern Response Protocol. When multiple robberies occur over a short period, the police chief shall personally be notified, police resources will be diverted from lower priority calls, and police will temporarily suspend response to non-emergency calls. Available police resources will be directed to flood the area of concern, search for the suspects, and maintain high visibility until the problem is abated. On-duty leadership will manage response resources to address the robberies taking place and other priority 911 calls. In addition, MPD will communicate with and request assistance from outside agencies.

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