



## Public Information Release

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### **Public awareness and quick police action resulted in the arrest of 3 juveniles for aggravated robbery.**

April 1, 2024 (Minneapolis) On Sunday night, in the span of one hour, the collaborative efforts of observant 911 callers, MPD officers, the Minnesota State Patrol Helicopter, and other law enforcement partners limited a robbery spree to two incidents and resulted in the arrest of 3 juveniles.

Beginning at approximately 6:45 p.m., on Sunday, March 31st, 2024, a 911 caller reported 7 juveniles in 3 vehicles trying to steal a car from a parking lot on the 500 block of W Lake St. The vehicles involved were described as a red Hyundai, a white Kia, and a silver sedan. About 10 minutes later, a 911 caller reported these three vehicles driving erratically but in formation through the neighborhood near the 3400 block of Holmes Ave. Minutes later, an attempted carjacking and robbery involving the three vehicles and juveniles occurred on the 3400 block of Humboldt Ave S. About two minutes later, another 911 caller reported the same three vehicles chasing each other down 34th St W.

MPD enacted the Robbery Pattern Response Protocol.

At approximately 7:38 p.m., the three vehicles were reported to be parked together in a parking lot on the 4400 Block of Lyndale Ave N and a group of juveniles were sitting in and gathered around them. One of the juveniles was reported to be hanging out of the white Kia waving a gun. Within 2 minutes, a K9 officer arrived at the parking lot and attempted to conduct a suspicious vehicle stop. All three vehicles fled from the officer. The officer focused on the white Kia with the reported gunman and pursued it through North Minneapolis. With the help of a Minnesota State Patrol Helicopter, the vehicle was pursued to an alley near 35th Ave N and Knox Ave N where three juveniles fled on foot. All three juveniles were located, arrested, and booked into the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center for Aggravated Robbery. One of the juveniles was 15 years old and two were 16 years old. The Kia was a reported stolen vehicle.

The events of Sunday night are a clear example of what can be accomplished when law enforcement and the community work together to ensure safety throughout the city. “I want to express my appreciation to members of the community who were observant and reported

suspicious activity to 9-1-1 that enabled us to track these suspects down quickly,” said Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara. “I want to also thank our law enforcement partners who assisted us in quickly stopping this robbery spree. Our officers and investigators continue to work diligently to address these robberies, and this is proof once again our strategy is working.”

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