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MPD Activates Violent Crime Spree Saturation Strategy to Quickly Apprehend Suspects

September, 20th - Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara said today the department's rapid response, crime spree saturation strategy worked successfully on two occasions this past week resulting in the arrest of a man wanted for two homicides and a non-fatal shooting on Wednesday as well as the apprehension of three suspects who brazenly robbed multiple victims at gunpoint overnight.

O'Hara developed and operationalized the Robbery Pattern Protocol earlier this year following a wave of violent aggravated robberies. The protocol is put in place when there's a sudden spike in violent crime anywhere in the city. All squads on non-emergency calls quickly redeploy and saturate the area where a crime spree is taking place. The goals are to abruptly end the violence and apprehend any and all suspects. MPD also immediately requests help from its law enforcement partners.

Early this morning, following reports of three violent aggravated robberies in a 45-minute span along Lake Street in the Uptown area of South Minneapolis, Minneapolis police activated the Robbery Pattern Protocol. MPD officers and deputies from the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office flooded the area. Meanwhile, the Minnesota State Patrol's helicopter tracked the suspects into North Minneapolis in a vehicle they allegedly carjacked at about 10:15 pm in South Minneapolis. Officers pursued them before the driver and two passengers bailed out of the vehicle at 84th Avenue N and Regent Avenue N. Officers arrested one adult and two juveniles near that location. The adult was booked into the Hennepin County Jail while the juveniles were booked into the Juvenile Detention Center on probable cause aggravated robbery charges.

MPD also utilized the same crime spree saturation strategy to track down the man wanted for two murders near homeless encampments and a non-fatal shooting on Wednesday. After the suspect allegedly shot a man in the 2300 block of 17th Avenue South at about 7:20 pm Wednesday, MPD officers arrested him less than 15 minutes later when they redeployed officers from other precincts to the area in a coordinated effort to end the violence. [Minneapolis Police Arrest a Man Suspected in Two Homicides and a Shooting Today \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com/news/minneapolis/2020/09/20/minneapolis-police-arrest-a-man-suspected-in-two-homicides-and-a-shooting-today)

"The collective commitment and tireless efforts of MPD officers and our key law enforcement partners have once again stopped violent criminals on a crime spree from further terrorizing our community," O'Hara said. "I'm so proud of the relentless dedication of the men and women of the MPD. We will continue to stand guard for our residents against those who seek to inflict harm."

If you are approached by an armed individual or group of individuals who demand your valuables, focus on as many details as possible. Important details are license plate numbers, vehicle description, height, weight, sex, race, hair color, and hairstyle of individual suspects, clothing descriptions of suspects, and the number of suspects with their direction of travel. Call 911 as soon as you are able. If your credit or debit cards are stolen, cancel them by phone as soon as possible and note any usage after the theft.

If you see someone being robbed, call 911 immediately and provide as much detailed information as possible.

At approximately 10:15 pm near Lake St W/Colfax Ave S, a group of males took a man's bag containing his keys and left the area in the vehicle. 24-269497

Around 12:43 am in the 3400 block of Emerson Ave S, a group approached a man began assaulting a man and demanding his property. The man was transported by EMS to Hennepin Healthcare Hospital with apparent non-life-threatening injuries. 24-269678

Another robbery occurred around 12:58 am in the area of Lake St W/Humboldt Ave. A man was sitting in his vehicle when he was approached by a group of males who began going through his pockets and striking him. The man received treatment on scene from EMS. 24-269690

The final robbery occurred around 1:26 am in the 2800 block of 31st St W. The victim was approached by a group who began assaulting them. The group left the area in the victim's vehicle. 24-269497.

The case number for the location of the vehicle and arrest is 24-269718.

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