



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ATTEMPTED COMMERCIAL ROBBERY

On Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at about 3:45 AM, Hawthorne Police Officers responded to the CVS Pharmacy, located at 4775 W. Rosecrans Avenue, City of Hawthorne, regarding a robbery incident. The suspects had fled the scene prior to the arrival of officers.

The investigation determined that at least (3) three suspects, all described as Black males, wearing dark colored clothing, had attempted to rob the business. One of the suspects is believed to have been armed with a handgun. Two of the suspects entered the store, and forced CVS employees towards the rear of the business. A third suspect remained by the store's entrance, acting as lookout. Once at the rear of the business, the suspects demanded that the employees point out the location of the safe. The employees complied, but as they were being led to the safe's location, the suspect acting as a lookout yelled something. All suspects immediately fled out the front doors of the business. No loss is known at this time.

None of the employees or customers in the business were injured.

The case is currently under investigation by Hawthorne Police Detectives, who are examining any correlation to similar pharmacy store robberies in the South Bay area. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detectives at (310) 349-2820.