



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Craigslist Robberies - Suspects Arrested

On Saturday, January 1, 2011, at 7:15 PM, a female victim reported a robbery to the Hawthorne Police Department. The victim had responded to a Craigslist internet ad regarding an Apple I-Phone (4G), for sale. The victim made arrangements with the suspect to meet near the intersection of Yukon Avenue and El Segundo Blvd., to inspect the phone's condition, and possibly purchase it.

When the victim arrived, the suspect was waiting on the sidewalk. The victim noticed a second suspect walking towards her from behind. The victim and first suspect engaged in a conversation about the phone, which the suspect held out for the victim to visually inspect. Satisfied with the phone's condition, the victim began to hand the suspect cash to purchase the phone. The first suspect grabbed the cash from the victim's hand, and fled from the location on foot, without giving the victim the cell phone in question. The second suspect ran off with the first suspect.

Hawthorne Police patrol officers working on the investigation were able to determine particulars from the Craigslist ad based on the information received from the victim. Officers located an active Craigslist ad offering an Apple I-Phone with an identical phone number listed for the seller, as the ad the previous victim had replied to. Officers began a text message conversation with the seller (suspects) about purchasing the phone. A meeting was scheduled, but the suspects did not show up.

Later on in the evening, (January 2, 2011, at 12:30 AM) Hawthorne Police officers responded to the same area as the robbery, on an unrelated report of subjects smoking marijuana. Officers contacted two subjects and noticed they matched the description of the robbery suspects from earlier in the evening. Each suspect was also in violation of other minor offenses (the 19 year old had an open container of an alcoholic beverage, and the 16 year old was in violation of City curfew). Their investigation revealed that one of the suspects had in

his possession an Apple I-Phone. The Apple I-Phone was found to contain text messages from the original victim of the robbery, as well as the text messages of our officers posing as a potential customer.

Arrested for suspicion of robbery:

Derron Saviour, 19 year old male resident of Hawthorne

A 16 year old male resident of Hawthorne (transported to Eastlake Juvenile Hall)

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Hawthorne Police Department Detective Bureau