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SDPD GANG SUPPRESSION TEAM ARREST THE "BANDANA BANDITS" ROBBERY SUSPECTS

(San Diego) On Sunday evening, January 28, 2007, San Diego Police Gang Suppression Team Officers arrested Jeremy Meeks and a male juvenile for an attempted street robbery.

At approximately 7:55 p.m., in the 1400 block of 'F' street, a male was walking home when he was approached from behind by four black males. Eventually, suspect #1, not identified, ran up to the victim and punched him in the back of his head. Suspect #1 then asked the victim, "What you got?" The victim realized he was being robbed and was now face to face with four suspects.

The victim told the suspects that he would not give up any of his property. Suspect #2, not identified, then approached the victim and attacked him, striking him several times. The attack continued and the victim tried to get away as all four suspects chased after him. The victim was eventually able to break away from the suspects and they stopped pursuing him.

Suspect #3, Jeremy Meeks and suspect #4, male juvenile, walked over to San Diego Police Department Headquarters building, located at 1400 Broadway, one block from the attempted robbery. While hiding behind some planters and trying to take off their bandanas, Sergeant Bob Dare, was watching them with through the surveillance cameras. He saw two black males trying to put on or off, what he thought were masks.

Sergeant Dare called for officers to respond to the location. The two suspects were detained without incident. A short while later, a radio call was broadcast alerting officers of an attempted street robbery one block from San Diego Police Department. The victim was brought to Headquarters and positively identified both suspects as attackers of his attempted robbery.

Meeks was booked into San Diego Central Jail and the male juvenile was booked into juvenile hall. There are still two outstanding suspects in this case.

A CD video of this incident is available at headquarters front counter.

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