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CARJACKING/KIDNAPPING SUSPECTS ARRESTED

(San Diego) On February 2, 2009 at about 11:30 a.m. a witness called SDPD to report what he believed to be a carjacking and kidnapping Incident.

The witness said he saw three Hispanic males force a male and female into their own vehicle at gunpoint at 3700 Ingraham Street In Pacific Beach. The male and female were in the process of parking and leaving their vehicle to go to a restaurant when they were approached by the three suspects. The vehicle is a blue BMW.

The suspects left the area in the BMW, with the victims inside the vehicle. The vehicle was spotted by a canine officer on Ingraham Street travelling south. The suspects eventually took Interstate 8 going east. The canine officer notified the SDPD helicopter, ABLE, of the location as additional ground units moved into the area. The suspects took the Hotel Circle exit and went west at a high rate of speed. They got onto the freeway again at Taylor Street, heading east on Interstate 8 and then parked in the center divide of the freeway. The suspects got out of the car and ran south across the freeway and tried to hide in the brush near the Motel 6.

By this time, several patrol officers were In the area and the suspects were taken into custody without incident. Two handguns were recovered near where the suspects were arrested. One of those guns is reported stolen.

The three suspects arrested are: Raymundo Quezada, 23; Rafael Ortiz, 22; and Gustavo Martinez, 20. These individuals are all from the Los Angeles area.

As of 3:30 p.m. today, the suspects were still being interviewed by investigators. The charges against these suspects may include carjacking, kidnapping and evading police.