

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, January 18th, 2018

CONTACT:

Lt. Eric Hays at (619)-533-5752 or ehays@pd.sandiego.gov

San Diego- Since December 29, 2017, three robberies or thefts of cough syrup have occurred at Rite Aid pharmacies in Riverside, Carlsbad, and San Diego. All of these crimes appear to have been committed by the same suspects.

On January 17, 2018, a male and a female entered the Rite Aid pharmacy at 3650 Adams Avenue in the City of San Diego. A Rite Aid employee recognized the individuals from a flyer distributed by Rite Aid security regarding past thefts and immediately called San Diego Police. As the employee was on the telephone with police, the male suspect jumped over the pharmacy counter and stole several bottles of cough syrup and ran out through the front door with the female.

San Diego Police Officers arrived and took 19 year old Jason Casillas of Vista, California, and a 17 year old female juvenile into custody. Both were later booked on Robbery charges. A third suspect, 19 year old Billy Gaines Smith of Temecula was arrested for charges unrelated to the Robbery.

San Diego Police Detectives are looking into whether or not these suspects were involved in any other pharmacy related crimes.

Anyone with information is requested to call the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

###