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SWAT Incident and Subsequent Arrests

San Diego- An ongoing investigation of a string of robberies led San Diego police detectives to the arrest of seven suspects on Friday, September 20th. Mid-City detectives received information that the suspects in the robberies were staying at an apartment on the 3600 block of University Avenue. Our detectives set up surveillance and took five people into custody as they exited the apartment. Several other people refused to come out of the apartment and then forced their way into a next-door neighbor's home, falsely imprisoning a woman and a 2-year-old child. SWAT and the Emergency Negotiation Team (ENT) were called out to bring the standoff to a peaceful resolution. After seven hours, ENT negotiators convinced the suspects to surrender. During a search of the home, numerous pieces of evidence were recovered linking the suspects to the robberies, including the handgun used in two of the crimes.

22 robberies, between August 23rd and September 19th, happened in the Mid-City, Central, and Eastern areas of San Diego, as well as in La Mesa and Chula Vista. A handgun was used in two of the crimes which targeted underage kids. 19-year-old Sebastian Baez, 20-year-old Ebon Johnson, and an underage girl had already been arrested by detectives. Friday's standoff ended in the arrests of 21-year-old Christopher Butler, 20-year-old Thunderhawk Foster, 19-year-old Byron Hanes, 24-year-old Daiquiri Nelson, 19-year-old Jaelin Davis, 23-year-old Jeremiah Henry, and 22-year-old Alexander Horton.

Butler, Foster, Davis, Henry, and Horton were booked on numerous counts of robbery, delaying and resisting an officer in the performance of duties, and false imprisonment. Davis was also charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Haynes and Nelson were booked for delaying and resisting an officer in the performance of duties and false imprisonment.

We are grateful yesterday's event ended safely with no injuries. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information is requested to the Crime Stopper's anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

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