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Crime Alert Bulletin

The Rochester Police Department wishes to inform you of an ongoing street robbery pattern in the East Av / Monroe Av / Southwedge areas. Descriptions of the crimes and suspects are listed below.

The robberies detailed below all occurred in the East/Monroe/Southwedge neighborhoods from 5/25-7/8/12 and most were between 21:00 and 06:00. Many of these robberies involve victims leaving a bar in the late night hours. Some are "snatch and grabs" and some involve a handgun.

Note: Not all of these robberies appear to be related. The East Division investigative unit is working on this pattern by following up on any and all leads.

commonalities:

- Twelve of the 14 occurred 21:00-06:00 with 10 of these being 22:00-03:00
- 10 - involved Victims leaving a bar
- 7 - involved a gun
- 4 - were "snatch and grabs"
- 4 - occurred on Saturday
- 3 - occurred on Friday
- 2- occurred on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday

suspect commonalities:

- all identified Suspects were M/B or M/BHispanic
- most were described as early 20's
- height range: 5'6"-6'3"
- weight range: 150-170 lbs
- mostly wearing white t-shirts and jeans or dark pants

Incidents:**Street Robbery: 5XX Oxford St (12-155605) 5/25/12, 0248 (30)**

(S)- M/B, 5'10", 160 lbs, white t-shirt, jeans, armed with a black semi auto handgun
 Suspect Vehicle: Crossover type maybe a Nissan Murano

V's were walking down Oxford St. when the S walked towards them, pulled out the gun and pointed it at them, did not say anything but took the purse that was around V1's wrist and then walked to his car and left the scene. Taken was a purse valued at \$30, CC, debit card, \$20 cash. V2 had nothing taken.

Street Robbery: 2XX Alexander St (12-156267) 5/25/12, 1100 (30)

S- M/B, 20's, 5'6", 150lbs, white t-shirt, bl jeans, blue sneakers

(V) and (S) were riding the RTS bus and got off at Park and Alexander. (V) and (S) were walking on the opposite side of the street and (S) crossed over to (V's) side, approached (V), and said, "What time is it?" (S) snatched (V's) necklace, grabbed her left hand, pulled her ring off, and fled on foot. (V) waited 6hrs to report the incident.

Street Robbery: 4XX Monroe Ave (12-160170) 5/29/12, 0023 (31)

S-1 M/B 25-39 yo, white T-shirt, blue jeans, dark BB cap.

S-2 M/B described as being older (40's) and bald.

Suspect Vehicle: Small grey 4 door sedan

Items taken: purse with contents: \$24 cash, cell phone, Credit cards/ID

After leaving a local bar, the V was walking east on Monroe Avenue with her friends when they noticed the S walking westbound towards them. As they passed each other, S-1 snatched and pulled V's purse from her grasp and ran to a waiting car driven by S-2. The car which drove off toward Goodman St was described as being a grey 4 door sedan.

Street Robbery: 5XX South Ave (12-168451) 6/4/12, 2224 (32)

S1- M/B, 20's med bld., light complexion, 5' 10" 150lbs, LSW white T-shirt, black pants and riding a Mt Bike

S2- M/B, 20's, 6'160 lbs, LSW a black bb cap, hoody and pants, and riding a Mt. Bike.

V was walking southbound on South Avenue when the two suspects approached him from the rear on their Mt. Bikes. S1 was armed with semi-auto handgun which he pointed at the V and demanded his money, by saying "Give me what you got or I'll shoot you." The V handed over \$120 in cash and the two suspects then rode off south on South Avenue.

Att. Street Robbery: 00 Rowley St (12-172137) 6/7/12, 2321 (30) (ARREST MADE)

S1: Jaquan Madison, m/20, Rochester resident not from the area.

S2: Terrance Beard, m/20, Rochester resident not from the area.

A/S3 Kory Weaver

Susp. Veh: 2000 Chrysler Cirrus

V was leaving a bar on Monroe Ave and walking home when he was approached by S1 and engaged him in conversation. The V did not stop so S1 put his hand in a pocket as if he had a gun and the V then ran off. S1 then flagged for his getaway car which contained the other two suspects. The suspect car was spotted within minutes and stopped by Officer Sam Weech behind 19 Boardman St and all taken into custody without incident.

Street Robbery: 00 Cornell St (12-173711) 6/9/12, 0547 (30)

S1- M/B 6'2" 170 lbs light comp. gray hoody armed with a knife white mask

S2- M/B 6'0" 160 lbs light comp. gray hoody armed with a silver revolver white mask

Suspect Vehicle: older gray Pontiac

V's were walking on Cornell when the suspect vehicle drove past and stopped. The males approached and demanded property, V2 had none to give up. V's were told to turn around and walk. The S's fled in their car. Taken was V1's purse containing \$50, cell phone, a credit card, misc. papers.

Street Robbery: 00 Wilson Blvd. (12-176849) 6/11/12, 2115 (32)

S-1 M/B, white short-sleeve T-shirt

S-2 M/B, no further description.

V was riding his silver "Specialized" brand mountain bike just off the walking path of the U of R when he was accosted by the two suspects who knocked him to the ground. The two repeatedly punched him in the face, causing both of his eyes to be almost swollen shut. They demanded everything he had or they would kill him, V gave them his "fanny pack" which contained his pre-paid T-Mobile cell phone and his registered Springfield Arms 9mm pistol. It is unsure which way the suspects fled. The victim managed to make his way to the PSB where he encountered an East Division officer.

Street Robbery: 1XX Meigs St. (12-180965) 6/15/12, 0200 (30)

S1: M/B, armed w/ black semi auto 5'10" 160 lbs, dark T- shirt and pants, non baggy pants, unk age.

S2:4 M/B, dark T- shirts and pants

Weapons: Black semi auto

V was on the east side Meigs Street, walking south near Park Avenue, when the suspects crossed over to the east side of street to confront him. S1 displayed a gun and repeatedly said "I've got nothing to lose, I've got nothing to lose, empty your pockets." The suspects took a wallet containing ID personal papers and \$40-\$60 cash along with keys and an older style cell phone. S1-4 fled on foot towards Park Avenue.

Street Robbery: 5XX Averill Ave (12-201077) 6/30/12, 1433 (31)

S: M/B, 5'8", wearing a white shirt and green hat

S2: M/B, 5'8", khaki hat

V reported that she was walking on Averill Ave at about 1430 hours when she was shoved down from behind by S1. S1 then grabbed V's purse and fled. V stated that S2 did not partake in the crime but she observed him running with the S after the crime. V reported that an iPhone and credit card was taken.

Street Robbery: 00 Mt. Vernon Ave (12-201942) 7/1/12, 0103 (32)

S1: M/B, 6'3", 140 wearing a grey hooded shirt

S2: M/B, 6'0", 140 wearing a blk hooded shirt

S3: unk but operating a small gray car with a loud muffler

V and W were walking on Mt. Vernon Ave when they realized the S1 and S2 were following them. V and W attempted to turn around and walk the other direction but were confronted by the S's. S1 was armed with a **handgun** and both demanded that V and W give them what was in their pockets. V gave (S2) \$40 from her pocket and both S's ran north on Mt. Vernon. They got into a vehicle that pulled onto the street and then drove south toward Caroline St.

Street Robbery: 00 Brighton St (12-207038) 7/4/12, 0012 (30)

S: M/B early 20's, 6'1" 180 lbs, white tank top, dark shorts, dark BB cap, Doo Rag underneath

Weapon: V did not see a gun but felt what he thought was one pressed against his kidneys

V was walking to his girlfriend's house, at above location, when he was approached from behind by the S who demanded his property and took his wallet with CC cards, ID, cell phone, keys and then fled on foot.

Street Robbery: 00 N. Union St. (12-209768) 7/7/12, 0148 (30)

S1: M/B, Driver

S2: M/B, 5'8", 150, dark clothes, **silver handgun**

V states he was walking to his car and when he was approximately 5 cars away from where his car was parked, S2 got out of the dark colored older sedan and pointed a silver handgun at him. S2 stated, "gimme your shit!" V handed over his Nokia cell phone, silver watch and approx. \$350. S2 got back in the passenger seat and S1 drove away, north on N. Union St.

Street Robbery: 4XX Linden St. (12-210699) 7/7/12, 2145 (32)

S1: M/B, 5'8", blue hat, red shirt, **blk/silver handgun**

S2: M/B, 6', NFI

V's were walking on Linden towards South Ave when S1 and S2 approached from behind. S1 displayed **a silver and black handgun** and told V1, "I don't want to fight you for the purse." He then grabbed V1's purse, containing \$45.00 cash, credit cards, black iPhone, and keys, while S2 took V2's wallet containing \$5.00. Both S's fled on foot southbound towards Oakland St. During the investigation it was learned that someone attempted to use V1's credit card at 356 Arnett Blvd .

Street Robbery: 2XX Oxford St (12-210827) 7/8/12, 2339 (30)

S1: M/H, 5'8", 160 lbs, dark complexion with a chinstrap beard

S2: M/B

The V who is autistic was walking home when the S's approached from behind and told him to give them his money. The V complied and gave them his cell phone too. S's last seen SB on Oxford. Taken was \$120 and a cell phone.

Crime Prevention Tips

- 1) Make certain that the inside and outside of your home or business is well lit. Motion sensors and "dusk to dawn" lights are good tools for this task.
- 2) Always keep your doors and windows locked. Criminals will take advantage of an unlocked point at your home, garage, or even while you are driving your car. Keep everything locked up!
- 3) Never keep or carry excess cash or property if you don't need it. Use a drop safe at your business, and leave unneeded valuables at home if you are going out for any reason.
- 4) Always stay alert to your surroundings! Whether you are walking down the street or operating your business, you must be aware of persons and situations around you. Criminals are less likely to commit a crime when they believe someone can identify them.
- 5) Report suspicious activity to the police immediately. If you observe something that seems like criminal activity, call 911. If you are mistaken in your assessment of the situation, no harm is done by the police looking into it. On the other hand if you are right....you just might prevent a crime or even help to apprehend a criminal!

- 6) ***TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!*** Whether you are at work, at home or engaged in your favorite pastime, you will usually know what people and actions seem out of place for the situation. If it feels "wrong" to you , it probably is! Get away from any potential danger immediately and call 911.

- 7) If you do become the victim of a robbery, comply with the criminal's requests for money or property. Your belongings are not worth the risk of being injured. Don't make any sudden moves or do anything to agitate the robber. Try to get a good description of the criminals clothing and physical features. A good witness is our best hope for making an arrest.