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Suspects Arrested in Connection to Robberies Near UCR

Riverside, CA – On Wednesday, January 16, 2013, the City of Riverside Police department responded to five separate robberies that occurred within a one hour period. The robberies occurred at various locations near the University of California Riverside, off campus. The robberies started at 8:05 PM in the area of Linden and Rustin. Additional locations were Big Springs Road and Mt. Vernon, 1100 block of West Blaine, a parking lot off Canyon Crest and Martin Luther King, and Lochmoor and Fair Isle. The victims were approached by one to three suspects in each incident. The suspects in each incident were described as Male Black adults in their 20's. A silver or gray 4 door Honda with a partial plate of 3CPD was driven by the suspects.

On January 17, 2013 at approximately a sixth robbery occurred near the area of Fair Isle and Lochmoor. The same suspect(s) were described and the same listed vehicle was used in this crime. The vehicle was located and Xavier Vining, a twenty year old Moreno Valley resident was arrested for this robbery. Detectives interviewed Vining and he was later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center on one count of robbery. Additional follow up is necessary before any other charges are filed against Vining.

On January 18, 2013, a second subject who was a person of interest in these robberies was arrested in Fontana for a series of robberies occurring in San Bernardino County. Detectives from the Riverside Police Department and University of California Riverside Police Department went to Fontana and interviewed Doneal Lewis Cephus, an eighteen year old Moreno Valley resident. Cephus was booked into jail in San Bernardino County for robberies occurring in San Bernardino County. Charges will be filed against Cephus in Riverside County for five counts of robbery.

On January 19, 2013, a third subject wanted in connection with this robbery series was arrested in Moreno Valley. Markeith Shavers, a nineteen year old Moreno Valley resident was interviewed by detectives and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center on one count of robbery. Five additional counts of robbery will be filed with the Riverside County District Attorney's office.

This was an excellent team effort displayed by both the Riverside Police Department and the University of California Riverside Police Department. Neither agency is looking for any additional suspects at this time.

If anyone has additional information regarding these incidents they are asked to contact Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135 or Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134.

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