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Arrests Announced in County-Wide Pedestrian Street Robbery Series

San Diego—On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, between the hours of 0042 and 0200, Officers from the San Diego Police Department responded to four street robberies that occurred in the North Park and City Heights neighborhoods. In each of these cases, the suspects threatened the victims with a firearm and demanded cash, cell phones and other personal items. In at least one case, the victim was pistol whipped and suffered injuries which required medical treatment. As Officers investigated these robberies, they located the suspect vehicle parked in the east alley of 2700 Fairmount Avenue. Shortly thereafter, Officers stopped a second suspect vehicle in the same alley and arrested four male suspects related to the street robberies without incident.

Further investigation into this case determined the suspects were involved in a county-wide series of pedestrian street robberies that occurred over the past week. In each of the cases, the suspects approached the victims, threatened them with a firearm and demanded personal items. The suspects were linked to 11 similar cases within the City of San Diego and additional cases in the cities of National City, La Mesa and Chula Vista. Further investigation has determined the suspects may have also been involved in attempted pedestrian street robberies in the Spring Valley area within the County of San Diego. The San Diego Police Department is asking any persons who may be unreported victims or witnesses to come forward and contact investigators.

Detectives from the San Diego Police Department Mid-City Division are continuing the investigation into these cases. As the result of this investigation, 18 year old Ernesto Lamarquez was arrested and booked into county jail and three juvenile males, ages 17, 16 and 15 were booked into San Diego County Juvenile Hall. The suspects were arrested for multiple counts of robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and criminal conspiracy.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Detective Sergeant Don Williams at San Diego Police Department Mid-City Division at (619) 516-3006 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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