

# CRIME ALERT

## Robberies of Person

October 29, 2009

### Facts:

There were four robberies that occurred on October 28 and 29 that were similar in nature.

On 10/28 at 10:15 p.m., victim was riding his bicycle home and was near E. 32nd St. and Oakland Ave. when three unknown suspects "charged" at him, causing him to fall and hit his head on the pavement. Victim was then robbed at gunpoint. Suspects are described as three black males, age 14-17 years, wearing hooded white, gray, and black sweatshirts respectively.

On 10/28 at 10:40 p.m., victim was riding his bike near Powderhorn Park when five unknown suspects kicked the front tire of his bike, causing him to fall and hit his head on the concrete. Suspects dragged the victim toward the tennis court. Victim lost consciousness after being kicked in the head and awoke to find his property missing. One suspect was armed with a gun. Suspects are described as five black males, age 17-20 years wearing hooded sweatshirts.

On 10/29 at 1:50 a.m., victim was walking southbound on 27th Ave. S. near E. 28th St. when he observed six unknown suspects standing in front of him. Suspects moved to let the victim pass. Suspects then lunged at him, knocking him to the ground, and held him down. Victim was punched and kicked while on the ground and suspects removed his property from his pockets. Suspects are described as two white males, three black males and one black female, ages 21-27, wearing dark hoodies and dark clothing.

On 10/29 at 6:16 a.m., victim was walking towards the MTC Light Rail Station and was at E. 32nd St. and 23rd Ave. S. when he was jumped by three suspects. Victim was knocked to the ground. Suspects kicked and punched the victim demanding his money. One suspect removed his property from his pockets. Suspects are described as two males and one female, unknown race, unknown age.

If you have any information or may have seen something related to these robberies, please contact the Robbery Unit at 612-673-2941.

### What you can do:

- Be extra cautious about your surroundings. Trust your instincts. Be aware of strangers loitering in your area.
- Be especially aware of your surroundings when taking the garbage out or walking to your car or bus stop at night. If anyone is loitering in the area, call 911.
- Carry only what you need. Do not carry large amounts of cash or unnecessary personal items.
- **Call 911** if you see anything suspicious.
- Talk to your neighbors about these events and ask them to be alert to suspicious activity. We need everyone's help.
- If you are a victim of robbery, report it immediately by calling 911. Try to remember as much suspect information as you can when you are talking to 911.

For more information about personal safety and other crime prevention techniques, contact the crime prevention specialist for your sector. If you don't know who your crime prevention specialist is, please visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/safe-teams.asp>



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