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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 16-50568

Date/Time Occurred: 12-6-16 / 2227 hours

Type of Incident: Robbery, Conspiracy and Participating in Criminal Street Gang

Location: Chinowth / Victor

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1. Dylan Cope
- 2. Juvenile
- 3. Juvenile

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Yes
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Yes

Details: On 12-6-16 at approximately 2227 hours, Officers were dispatched to the area of Chinowth and Victor regarding a robbery that just occurred. Upon arrival, Officers learned an adult male victim was walking in the area and approached by three unknown males. One of the males claimed to have a firearm and threatened to harm the victim if he didn't give up his personal property. The victim complied and the suspects fled the area with the victim's property.

The victim was able to direct responding officers to a residence on the 4000 Block of W. Whitendale where he witnessed the suspects enter. Officers entered the home and all three suspects fled through the back door. All three were apprehended. One of the suspects was found hiding in a neighboring backyard where he was taken into custody with assistance from a police K-9. The victim's property was located at the scene and returned to the owner. All three suspects were found to be members or associates of a criminal street gang. Dylan Cope was booked at the Adult Pre-Trial Facility for Robbery, Conspiracy and being a member of criminal street gang. The two juveniles were taken to the Juvenile Justice Facility and booked for the same charges. The victim was not injured during this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Jennings

