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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 17-53305
17-53327

Date/Time Occurred: 7/2/17 2130 hours
7/2/17 2205 hours

Type of Incident: Robbery, Carjacking

Location: 5100 block W. Walnut
1200 block E. Sweet

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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Details: On 7/2/17 at 2205 hours, officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of E. Sweet in regards to a possible carjacking. Officers determined that the victim had been confronted by two suspects who were armed with firearms. The suspects stole the victim's keys and then took the victim's truck. As the suspect was backing out, the victim produced their own firearm and shot at the vehicle as it drove away. It is unknown if the suspect was struck. Two vehicles in the area were hit by stray rounds. No citizens were struck.

As officers were investigating the carjacking, a separate victim called in to report being robbed about an hour before in the 5100 block of W. Walnut. In that case, the victim had been approached by three unknown suspects armed with handguns. The suspects had demanded the victim's property and were able to take the victim's cell phone. The suspects then fled in an awaiting vehicle. No injuries were reported by the victim.

It is believed that these two robberies are related. They may also be related to two additional robberies reported earlier in the day. The case is being forwarded to the Violent Crimes Unit for follow-up investigation.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36



