

Subject: Re: Chattanooga Times Free Press

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2009 4:24 PM

From: Darrell DeBusk <DDeBusk@cityofknoxville.org>

To: Adam Crisp acrisp@timesfreepress.com

Conversation: Chattanooga Times Free Press

On 11-12-09, at about 0143 hours officers responded to 2218 Cumberland Ave (Pilot) on an armed robbery in progress call. Upon arrival officers spoke with the victims, Corey B. Zickefoose (DOB 091489), Benjamin J. Everett (DOB 112889), and Corey M. Smith (DOB 042491).

The victims stated that moments before calling 911, they were sitting in their parked vehicle, a 1998 Hyundai Elantra on the southwest corner of the convenience store, while their friend was inside. The victims stated they had parked next to a light blue Toyota Prius. The victims stated that a black male then approached, wearing a black hoodie, brandished a black semi-auto handgun, opened the drivers door and stated, "Give me everything you have." The victims stated that a black male then exited from the passenger side of the Prius, wearing a black hoodie, walked around to the front passenger door of their car, opened it, and stated, "Give us everything you've got." The victims stated that they all presented their wallets to the suspects and showed them that they did not have money. The victims stated that a third black male then approached and told the other two black males, "We've got to go." The victims then stated that the three got into the Prius and that it was last seen traveling southbound on Volunteer Blvd West.

As the officers received information about the suspects and vehicle, it was bold so that other responding officers could attempt to locate it. A witness indicated there was a female driving the car and that it was occupied by three black males when she had observed it. As we continued to investigate, assisting officers observed the suspect vehicle in question, traveling near Gibbs Hall on Lake Loudoun Blvd. A felony stop was conducted on the vehicle, a 2010 Toyota Prius, light blue in color, on Neyland Dr near Leinard Ln. Four subjects were detained from the vehicle: a light-skinned black female, Marie Montmarquet (DOB 070587), and three black males: Janzen Jackson (DOB 121490), Michael Edwards (DOB 042691) and Nukeese Richardson (DOB 121790).

In plain view, officers observed two black hoodies on the back seat. Underneath the back seat towards the middle, officers located a black, CO2 powered pellet gun. Inside the glove box, officers located a marijuana grinder. A search of the suspects revealed one clear plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana in Montmarquet's jacket pocket. Montmarquet would later state that the marijuana grinder also belonged to her. Crime Lab responded to the scene and confiscated the hoodies, the pellet gun and the marijuana grinder. The vehicle was towed to the City Impound lot. The marijuana was confiscated by officers.

All four suspects were transported back to the Pilot for a show up identification. The victims positively identified Edwards and Richardson as the two who approached their vehicle and demanded everything.

Edwards, Richardson and Jackson were subsequently charged with three counts each of Attempted Armed Robbery (warrant numbers @899786, @899787, @899789, @899797, @899798, @899799, @899792, @899794, and @899796 respectively). Montmarquet was subsequently charged with three counts of Attempted Armed Robbery, Simple Possession of Schedule VI and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (warrant numbers @899788, @899790, @899791, @899793 and @899795 respectively.)

Darrell DeBusk
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>>> "Crisp, Adam" <acrisp@timesfreepress.com> 11/12/2009 4:04 PM >>>
Mr. DeBusk,

I'd like to chat with you for just a moment about the UT football student robbery if you have time this afternoon.

--Adam Crisp
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On 11/12/09 3:08 PM, "Darrell DeBusk" <DDeBusk@cityofknoxville.org> wrote:

Any evidence recovered during the course of this investigation will not be released due to the continuing investigation.

Thank you,
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>>> "Crisp, Adam" <acrisp@timesfreepress.com> 11/12/2009 2:46 PM
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Mr. DeBusk:

We're looking for any video footage your department may make available of the armed robbery that is alleged to have involved UT football players. Is that something Knoxville PD plans to release?

Adam Crisp, reporter
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