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Police Arrest Four Juveniles for Robberies with One Victim Stabbed

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports the arrest of two 16-year-old males from Newark, one 14-year-old female from Newark and one 14-year-old female from Irvington in connection with two robberies and a stabbing that occurred yesterday.

"These juveniles were attempting to wreak havoc on our streets," Director O'Hara said. "I commend our detectives and all police officers involved for their steadfast commitment to apprehending these suspects."

At approximately 10:35 a.m., police responded to Union Street, near Hamilton Street, on a call of a robbery. Two suspects exited a vehicle and approached a woman walking in the area. One suspect placed an object against the victim's stomach while grabbing her handbag containing cash and personal property and also stole her cell phone. The suspects fled in a white 2018 Mercedes-Benz that had been reported stolen out of Irvington.

Some 15 minutes later, a second robbery and stabbing occurred involving the same suspects in the area of Monroe and Market streets. A woman was approached by two suspects who stabbed her in her back and struck her with a closed fist before snatching her purse and cell phone. The suspects fled in the stolen vehicle and the victim was transported to University Hospital, where she is reportedly in stable condition.

Following a pursuit by Newark Police, with the assistance of the Essex County Sheriff's Office, East Orange Police and Irvington Police, all four suspects exited the stolen vehicle on the shoulder of the northbound lanes of the Garden State Parkway and ran. They each were apprehended in the 600 block of Central Avenue. Each suspect faces charges of two counts of robbery, conspiracy, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of aggravated assault.

These charges are merely accusations. Each suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.