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Subject

Sheriff's detectives investigate two home invasion robberies

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Sutter County Sheriff's detectives are investigating two home invasion robberies that occurred over the weekend in the rural southwest area of Yuba City.

The first incident occurred on Saturday (4-9-05) afternoon, at approximately 3:00 PM, in the 2100 block of Anderson Lane. The victim described as a male Hispanic, age 28, was confronted by three Hispanic males (two described as tall, ages 25-35, wearing blue shirts, blue jeans and work boots. The third one described as age 18, 5-4, wearing a grey sweatshirt and blue baggy pants, with an "Asian" hair style) armed with semi-automatic pistols, who tied the victim up after making a demand for money and drugs. The victim stated a fourth suspect (described as a Hispanic male, wearing a red long-sleeve shirt) stayed with the suspects' vehicle in front of the residence. The vehicle was described as a red, Toyota Solara, 4-door, with tinted windows. They ransacked his residence and several outbuildings on the property taking a rifle and a shotgun. The victim managed to flee from the residence during the robbery and proceeded to a nearby residence on Carlson Road to call the sheriff's department. A search of the residence and property by sheriff's deputies assisted by a CHP helicopter found that the suspects and vehicle had left the scene prior to their arrival.

The second incident occurred last night (4-10-05) shortly before midnight at a residence in the 3400 block of Lincoln Road. One Hispanic male victim, age 28, and a female Hispanic victim, age 29, were contacted at the front door of their residence by two clean shaven Hispanic male suspects, age 35, requesting the assistance of a mechanic to help them with a vehicle problem. The male victim told the two suspects to contact him later and both suspects then produced semi-automatic handguns, forcing their way into the residence. The suspects were then joined by a third Hispanic male suspect, age 25. The suspects bound the victims with a vacuum cleaner cord and then ransacked the residence taking jewelry, a telephone, a cellular phone, keys and a large amount of U.S. currency. The suspects fled the scene in a blue or green 1992-94 Mercury Gran Marquis, 4-door sedan. The victims' 9-year old daughter was asleep in a bedroom of the residence during the robbery, but the suspects did not enter her room or disturb her.

It is unknown at this time if the suspects in both robberies were responsible for both thefts or if the two incidences were related.

Residents are reminded to properly identify persons at their front door prior to opening it and to immediately contact their local law enforcement agency if anyone suspicious is found on their property.

Anyone with information concerning these cases is asked to immediately contact the Sutter County Sheriff's Department Detective Division at (530) 822-7313 or 7307.