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ROBBERY SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Seal Beach, CA – Three suspects arrested after they assaulted and robbed a male victim at knife point.

On Friday, May 26, 2023, at approximately 11:32 pm, Seal Beach police officers were dispatched to the area of the Seal Beach Pier and 10th Street parking lot, in the City of Seal Beach, in reference to a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival at the beach parking lot, officers contacted two separate victims.

Victim #1 stated a black Honda pulled into the parking lot and parked directly behind his vehicle, blocking him in the parking space. Two Hispanic male suspects confronted victim #1 and he ran to his vehicle, sat in the driver's seat, and locked himself inside. Suspect #1 chased after victim #1 and used a knife to slash victim #1's rear driver's side tire, causing it to go flat. Suspect #1 walked up to the driver's window and started hitting the glass. In fear for his safety, victim #1 drove over the parking block to leave the parking lot and fled the area.

Victim #2 stated after victim #1 fled the parking lot, suspect #1 and a second male suspect approached him while victim #2 sat in the driver's seat of his vehicle. The two suspects opened both front doors to victim #2's vehicle and started harassing him. Suspect #2 then punched victim #2 repeatedly in the head. Suspect #1 produced a knife with the blade pointed toward victim #2's stomach and demanded victim #2 give suspect #1 his wallet. In fear for his safety, victim #2 gave suspect #1 his wallet.

The suspects fled the parking lot in a newer model black Honda, driven by a female Hispanic (suspect #3).

Seal Beach officers subsequently located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle traveling northbound Seal Beach Blvd. and initiated an investigative traffic stop. Los Alamitos and Cypress PD officers responded to the location where a high-risk traffic stop was conducted. All three occupants, two Hispanic males and one Hispanic female, were removed from the vehicle and detained without incident.

The two victims, independently of each other, positively identified the detained male subjects as the suspects who vandalized victim #1's vehicle and assaulted and robbed victim #2. The two victims also positively identified the detained female subject as the driver of the suspect vehicle.

Stolen property from inside victim #2's wallet was located inside the suspects' vehicle and on the suspects' persons. The weapon was also recovered inside of the vehicle.

The suspects were identified as Suspect #1: 23-year-old Anthony Fuentes of Anaheim, Suspect #2: 22-year-old Carlos Cifuentes of Garden Grove, and Suspect #3: 22-year-old Wendy Guzman of Orange.

Fuentes, Cifuentes, and Guzman were arrested and processed at the Seal Beach PD Jail. They were subsequently booked at Orange County Jail. Fuentes was charged with robbery and felony vandalism, Cifuentes was charged with robbery, and Guzman was charged with accessory to a felony crime after the fact.

If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact Detective Sergeant Jeff Gibson at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1128 or jgibson@sealbeachca.gov.

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