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Glendale and Phoenix Police Arrest 4 in String of West Valley Robberies

GLENDALE, Ariz. – A joint investigation and partnership between Glendale and Phoenix Police detectives led to the arrest of four Glendale residents in a string of increasingly violent robberies that took place in both cities.

Information developed by Glendale and Phoenix Police detectives led them to a vehicle in Glendale that was believed to be associated with the crimes. Phoenix Police detectives began surveillance and were eventually able to gather probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant for two apartments in the 6600 block of W. Myrtle Ave in Glendale.

The search warrant was served on April 15th and four males were contacted inside of two apartments. The males are identified as 36 year-old Ruben Torres, and three juvenile teenagers. According to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, two of the juveniles are being charged as adults and are therefore being identified by police as 17 year-old Ruben Gutierrez-Torres (the elder Torres' son), and 17 year-old Anthony Zamarron (a friend). The last suspect arrested is a younger teenage nephew of Ruben Torres and at this point it does not appear that he will be charged as an adult.

The Chrysler PT Cruiser that was originally identified as the suspect vehicle in these cases was located at the residences in Glendale, along with property belonging to victims and implicating the suspects

in these crimes. The vehicle was impounded by Phoenix Police as evidence (a photo of the suspect vehicle is attached).

Further investigation and interviews with the suspects led them to be booked into the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department 4th Avenue Jail and Durango Detention Facility on numerous charges of robbery, attempted robbery and aggravated assault. In all, Glendale Police detectives charged the four suspects in five different cases involving eight victims and Phoenix Police detectives charged the same suspects in four cases involving seven victims.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Department can be contacted for booking photos of the suspects being charged as adults.

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