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## Glendale Police Investigate Kidnapping

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at approximately 2:33 a.m., Glendale Police Officers responded to the area of 7100 W. Bethany Home Road in reference to reports of a kidnapping. Once on scene, officers contacted two victims that reported they were held against their will at a residence in the nearby neighborhood.

The victims (48yo male, 35yo male) came into town from out of state for an automotive auction. They were told by an acquaintance of theirs to contact the suspects and that they would allow them to stay at the home while they were in town. Upon arrival to the house, the victims were confronted by multiple subjects demanding to know where their money was. Both victims were assaulted and had their personal belongings taken as well as their arms and legs bound. During the altercation, both victims were able to escape and contact police.

While officers were in the area conducting the investigation, the suspects were observed driving in their vehicle. Officers were able to perform a traffic stop and two suspects were detained. Due to reports that a firearm was present at the suspect's home and possibly additional suspects, Glendale SWAT responded to clear the home for any outstanding suspects. No additional suspects were located at the home. Currently the investigation is still on going as to the identity of any outstanding suspects and their involvement in the incident.

The arrested suspects are identified as 19yo Leonardo Daniel Roman Zapien and a 17yo juvenile whose name is being withheld. Both suspects were charged with kidnapping, aggravated assault, armed robbery and theft of means of transportation.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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*Leonardo Daniel Roman Zapien (19yo)*

*(Juvenile Suspect’s identity withheld)*