



APD NEWS

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APD Robbery Unit seeks assistance from the public in a Taxi Cab Robbery

Case #: 11-570389

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2011

Time: 2:55 a.m.

Location: 2300 block of Yellow Jacket Lane

Narrative:

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, Austin Police responded to a robbery in the 2300 block of Yellow Jacket Lane. The victim, a 54 year-old Hispanic male, picked up two suspects in downtown Austin in his taxi cab. He drove them to the 2300 block of Yellow Jacket Lane where he was assaulted and the suspects demanded money. During the course of the assault the victim sustained a severe laceration to his neck. He was transported to University Medical Center at Brackenridge where he has been treated and released. The two suspects fled the scene on foot. They are described as:

#1: Hispanic Male

Approximately 18 years of age

5'07" in height

140 lbs

Very short black, straight hair

Clean-shaven

He was last seen wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt. (Composite attached)

#2: Hispanic male

20-21 years of age

5'08"

180 lbs

Short black straight hair

Clean-shaven



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There have been two other taxi cab driver robberies that have occurred in the same area within the last month. One occurred in the 2300 block of Maxwell Lane and the other in the 1100 block of Frontier Valley. We believe that these cases may be related.

Austin Police Robbery Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspects in this case. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Robbery Tip Line at 512-974-5092, Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS or text "Tip 103" + your message to CRIMES. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or charges being filed.

Media Advisory: A Robbery Unit Detective will be available for interview at 3:15 p.m. at APD Headquarters. A composite of suspect #1 is attached.

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