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San Francisco Police Arrest Robbery Series Suspects 20-039

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On March 15, 2020, officers took a report of a robbery that occurred at approximately 3:13 PM on the 2500 block of Pine St. The suspect was described as a black female wearing a black hoodie and a white face mask. The suspect approached the victim from behind and grabbed the victim's bag. The suspect pointed a handgun at the victim and demanded all of the victim's belongings. The suspect took the victim's property and got into a black Mercedes-Benz. A witness took a picture of the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene. After the robbery, the suspect used the victim's stolen credit card to make purchases.

On Saturday, April 4, 2020, at approximately 6:45 PM San Francisco police officers responded to Sacramento Street and Taylor Street regarding a robbery that just occurred. Officers arrived on scene and were flagged down by a victim who stated that he was just robbed at gunpoint and the suspects fled in a vehicle. The victim provided a description of the suspect and vehicle and the officers alerted headquarters with this information.

Additional officers searching for the robbery suspects were in the area of 1st Street and Harrison Street and observed a vehicle matching the description. The officers followed the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the on-ramp of the Bay Bridge (Hwy I-80 Eastbound), but the driver failed to stop and a vehicle pursuit

ensued. As the officers pursued the vehicle they observed items being thrown out of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop near the Treasure Island exit where the officers ordered the occupants of the vehicle to exit. The driver, 24-year-old female Melissa Taylor of Oakland, and the passenger, 26-year-old male Teaunte Bailey of Oakland, exited the vehicle and were placed into custody.

Officers from the SFPD Tactical Unit arrived on scene to assist in clearing the vehicle of any additional occupants. When the officers searched the vehicle they observed an infant baby inside the vehicle. The infant appeared unharmed and was placed in police care. The San Francisco Child Protective Services (CPS) was notified and took custody of the baby because the mother, Melissa Taylor, was under arrest.

During this incident, the eastbound traffic on the Bay Bridge was halted momentarily for the safety of those involved in the investigation. Officers located the items that were thrown out of the suspect vehicle and seized them from the traffic lane on which they lay. One of the items located and seized was a replica firearm. The other property located and seized was later confirmed as the victim's property the suspects robbed.

The suspect vehicle was seized and processed for evidence and was later impounded.

Further investigation determined that Taylor was also the armed suspect from the March 15th robbery. In this incident, Taylor used the victim's credit card to make purchases and used the same vehicle in both robberies.

Taylor was booked for two counts of robbery (211 PC) for, conspiracy (182 PC), false imprisonment (236 PC), possession of stolen property (496 PC), child endangerment (273 a(a) PC), two counts of armed with a firearm in the commission of a robbery (12022(a)(1) PC), evading a police officer with a vehicle (2800.1 (a)(1) CVC), possession of methamphetamine (11377(A) H&S), multiple counts of destroying evidence (135 PC), fraudulent use of a credit card (484g PC), and failure to provide proof of insurance during a traffic stop (16028(A) CVC).

Bailey was booked for the felony charges of robbery (211 PC), conspiracy (182 PC), possession of stolen property (496 PC), parole violation, (3056 PC), child endangerment (273 a(a) PC), and multiple counts of destroying evidence (135 PC).

A booking photo of Taylor and Bailey accompanies this news release.

While arrests have been made this remains an open investigation. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the SFPD 24 Hour tip line at [1-415- 575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444); Text a Tip to [TIP411](sms:TIP411) and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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