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DATE: 11/01/2013

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Two Robberies Last Night/Personal Safety Tips

CASE NO.: 13231695 & 13231703

INCIDENT DATE :10/31/2013

INCIDENT TIME: 10:58 PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: 12th Avenue East & 1st & 2nd Streets

SUBJECT: Two Robberies Last Night/Personal Safety Tips

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

On Thursday, October 31st, 2013 at 10:58 PM Duluth Police took a report of a robbery at 12th Avenue East & 1st Street. A male victim was walking the area when he was approached by two black males and a female. One of the males punched the victim and took his glasses, cell phone and wallet. The victim was brought to St. Luke's Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The black male that was punched the victim was described as follows:

- Black male wearing a stocking cap

Officers were then called to a second robbery approximately 5 minutes later at 12th Avenue East & 2nd Street. The male victim reported being approached in the 1200 block of #2 alley by two black males who asked him for a cigarette. When the victim told him he didn't smoke they began punching him and stole his laptop, wallet and I-phone. The victim did not go to the hospital.

The suspects were described as follows:

- #1 – Black male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and a blue or black bandana
- #2 – Black male wearing a dark jacket

Duluth Police Department Personal Safety Tips on the Street

- If possible, don't walk alone during late-night hours. Walk in groups whenever you can—there is always safety in numbers.
- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible. Avoid alleys, vacant lots, wooded areas, and other short-cuts or secluded areas. They are usually not well-lit or heavily traveled.
- Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. Walk close to the curb, avoiding doorways, bushes, and other potential hiding places.
- Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Don't stop to talk to strangers.

- Report any suspicious activity or person immediately to 9-1-1.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash, or displaying expensive jewelry in public.

If Someone Tries to Rob You

- Don't resist. Give up your property.
- Report the crime to the police. Try to describe the suspect accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.

The Duluth Police Department has increased patrols in the areas where the robberies have occurred and investigators are following up on several leads. Overall robberies in Duluth are down 33% since this same time last year.