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Huntington Beach Police Department Arrest Three Suspects Associated to Grand Theft in Huntington Beach and Attempted Thefts Throughout Southern California

On Thursday, September 2, 2021, the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) arrested three individuals in connection with recent attempted thefts outside of businesses within Huntington Beach and other southern California cities.

Over the last several months, HBPD has been working with Huntington Beach businesses to build relationships and implement proactive theft prevention measures. Due to these efforts, Detectives received a tip from a local business of a potential theft in advance. Officers established surveillance in the area while our Air Support helicopter (HB-1) observed from overhead.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., officers in HB-1 witnessed a male suspect stealing thousands of dollars in cash and valuables from a vehicle in the business's parking lot. Officers descended upon the suspect who jumped into a waiting vehicle and fled from the parking lot at a high rate of speed. HB-1 followed from overhead as a short pursuit ensued, ending in the suspect vehicle crashing near Edinger Avenue and Fortuna Lane. At that time, all three occupants in the vehicle fled on foot. Officers quickly apprehended all three suspects without injury or incident.

The three suspects, Aaron Duran, 22-years old of Las Vegas, NV; Richard Hamilton, 22-years old of Alameda, CA; and Kendrick West, 26-years old of Vallejo, CA; were arrested and charged with various crimes, such as grand theft and resisting and obstructing an Officer. Detectives believe that all three suspects are a part of a criminal organization with ties to other recent burglaries and thefts throughout southern California.

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****Suspect booking photos below.**



Aaron Duran



Richard Hamilton



Kendrick West