## **ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## Roseville Police Seeking Public's Help with Carjackings \$5,000 Reward Offered

The Roseville Police Department is looking for help from the public to identify the suspects responsible for two separate carjackings. Both carjackings occurred mid-day in the parking lot of Rosedale Center, located at 1595 Highway 36, Roseville. During each incident, the suspect approached the victim, displayed a handgun, and demanded their keys.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M., the victim parked her vehicle, a silver Dodge Charger, in the lot of the Rosedale Center. Upon exiting her vehicle, a black male approached her and said, "Give me your car keys or I am going to kill you." The male suspect then removed a pistol from his pocket and pointed it at the victim.

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 20 years of age, 5'2"-5'5" with a very thin build. The suspect was wearing a black, baggy sweatshirt with black jogger pants bearing a design on the calf.

On February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 P.M., the victim parked her vehicle, a white Acura RDX, in the lot of the Rosedale Center. Upon exiting her vehicle, the victim was approached by two black males wearing dark clothing. One of the suspects told her, "Give me your keys" as he pressed a pistol into her midsection. A short time later, detectives spotted the stolen vehicle in the area of I-35W and Hiawatha in Minneapolis; however, they quickly lost sight of the vehicle due to its erratic and dangerous driving conduct.

In both cases, the suspects were believed to have surveilled the victims as they parked. The suspects then quickly approached the victims as they exited their vehicles.

Roseville Police Detectives believe the suspects to be involved in other incidents throughout the metro area, to include carjackings in Saint Paul and Little Canada.

Due to the increase of carjackings, auto thefts, and theft of auto accessories, the Roseville Police Department has increased patrols and partnered with local retailers to heighten police presence.

"The safety of those who live, work, and visit Roseville is our number one priority," said Police Chief Erika Scheider. "Our officers and detectives are partnering with metro area agencies and will work tirelessly to bring those involved to justice."

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Roseville Police Detective Brady Martin at 651-792-7268 or email at <a href="mailto:brady.martin@cityofroseville.com">brady.martin@cityofroseville.com</a>. You may remain anonymous. The Roseville Police Department is

offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the suspects involved in the carjackings.



Suspect in 2/14/2022 carjacking





Suspects in 2/16/2022 carjacking

Tips to reduce the risk of vehicle thefts and carjackings:

- Park in well-lit areas. Call 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity. Do not approach and/or confront suspicious people or vehicles.
- Be aware of your surroundings and look around before getting in and out of your vehicle.
- Have your vehicle keys or fob out when you are approaching your vehicle.
- Lock your vehicle doors while parked.
- If you are concerned you may be followed by another vehicle, look for a highly populated area such as a shopping center or gas station.
- Never leave your vehicle running with the keys inside.

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