



PRESS RELEASE



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DATE: 05/25/2021
CASE NUMBER: 21-33946
TYPE OF INCIDENT: Robbery / PFMA
DATE & TIME: 05/16/2021 @ 11:01 AM
LOCATION: 27 North 27th Street (Crowne Plaza)

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On 05/16/2021 at about 11:01 AM, Officers with the BPD were dispatched to a room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 27 North 27th Street, for a report of a female who was assaulted. The victim, a 23 year old female from Lame Deer, was transported to a local medical facility by ambulance for treatment of injuries.

During the investigation officers learned the victim was missing personal property and her vehicle. The vehicle was located by officers in the 1700 block of Montana Avenue. Additionally during the investigation, a 31 year old male from Lame Dear, was identified and reported to have been assaulted at the same time and location as the female victim.

Two (2) persons of interest, a 25 year old female from St Xavier and a 27 year old female from an unknown town, were identified and are actively being sought by investigators for questioning. There is believed to be a partner family member association between the 31 year old male and the 27 year old female person of interest. Further, it is believed there is some type of association between all parties involved and the crime is not believed to be a random act of violence between unknown parties.

The investigation is currently assigned to the Investigations Division and Detectives are actively working the case. At the time of this release, there have been no arrests or charges filed.

Regarding previous comments from a BPD Sergeant regarding severity of injury to parties involved. The investigation remains on-going and has not been completed. The BPD will not provide information on severity of injury.

The BPD has received a significant amount of inquiries from the media regarding the details of this case. The BPD recognizes there is heightened public interest in this case and is aware of information sharing on social media platforms that may lead to rumors. While the investigation is still on-going at this time, there is no indication that the crime was racially motivated or connected to human trafficking.

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The BPD is committed to conducting a timely and thorough investigation while maintaining the integrity of the investigation, protecting and providing justice for victims, and ensuring proper due process.

The BPD will not be providing any further information on this investigation. Any additional information or details regarding the case will have to be obtained from charging documents in the event of arrest or changes or through the County Attorney's Office once the case is submitted for review.

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