



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

CRIME: Armed Robbery – Suspect Injured

On Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at about 3:00 AM, Hawthorne police officers responded on a report of a robbery in progress (suspect armed with a gun) near a Denny's restaurant in the 13200 block of Hawthorne Blvd. Information was also received that a victim had possibly been shot.

Upon arrival, officers located a male subject in the parking lot, unconscious, with a gunshot wound to the face. The investigation would later determine that this subject was actually one of the suspects. The four victims in this incident, had initially fled the scene, but three eventually returned, contacted officers, and provided statements.

It appears that the male subject with the gunshot wound, initially robbed four occupants of a parked car. As the suspect fled on foot towards an awaiting vehicle, he was struck by the victim's car. We believe this impact caused the suspect to accidentally fire his gun, causing his own injuries. It appears that the suspect's accomplices initially attempted to assist him into their vehicle to escape, but eventually fled the scene without him. The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he remains in critical condition. The suspect's gun was recovered at the scene. The accomplices are still outstanding.

Hawthorne police detectives and forensics personnel are continuing the investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Hawthorne Police Department Detective Bureau at (310) 349-2820.

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