



MEDIA RELEASE

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Suspects arrested in connection to Beverly Hills Jewelry Store Burglary

Beverly Hills, Calif. – Three suspects were arrested today in connection to a March 22 commercial burglary on South Beverly Drive.

SYNOPSIS

On Wednesday, March 22, 2022, Beverly Hills Police officers responded to the 200 block of South Beverly Drive for a burglary investigation. At the time, it was reported that up to six suspects, all wearing masks and hooded sweatshirts, exited out of a vehicle carrying axes, sledgehammers, and crowbars. The suspects used the tools to smash a storefront window and removed several pieces of high-end jewelry from a display case. BHPD officers and detectives immediately gathered evidence, including video surveillance footage from private and public cameras. The hard work and determination of the investigators led to the identification of a getaway vehicle and the suspects involved in the case.

The Beverly Hills Police Department coordinated with FBI agents and the US Attorney's Office in securing arrest warrants against three suspects.

Today, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, BHPD and FBI tactical teams conducted simultaneous warrant services at three different locations in Long Beach. The tactical operations concluded with the arrests of two suspects:

- Juvenile from Long Beach, arrested and booked at BHPD for 602 WIC, 459 PC – Commercial Burglary.
- Deshon Bell, DOB 04-03-2002, from Long Beach, arrested and booked at BHPD for 459 PC – Commercial burglary, 182 PC – Conspiracy.
 - o A 9 mm handgun and a high-capacity magazine were recovered from this location.

A third suspect, Jimmy Lee Vernon from Gardena, was arrested overnight by California Highway Patrol officers during a traffic stop in Barstow, California. He was arrested and booked at BHPD per a federal criminal complaint for robbery.

A fourth suspect, Ladell Tharpe, DOB 06/25/1985, from Los Angeles, is already in custody for an unrelated offense. Tharpe has been charged in a federal criminal complaint with robbery in connection with the South Beverly Drive incident.

Evidence connecting the suspects to the South Beverly Drive crime was recovered during today's operations.

The investigation is ongoing and will not conclude, until all remaining suspects are arrested and booked.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call the Beverly Hills Police Department at 310-285- 2125. Anonymous reports can be made by text to TIP BHPDAlert followed by the tip information to 888777. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477. To access Crime Stoppers, download the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP or use the website <http://www.lacrimestoppers.org>.

To access video from today's operation, please visit the following link: [BHPD 9-21-22](#)

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