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Suspects in Lafayette Home Invasion Robberies Arrested
Suspects Are Linked to Other Home Invasion Robberies in East Bay

LAFAYETTE, CALIF., Dec. 27, 2019—The Lafayette Police Department announces the arrests of suspects in two home invasion robberies that occurred in the City of Lafayette on October 31, 2019, and November 26, 2019.

This morning, the Fairfield Police Department SWAT team and Lafayette Police Department served Ramey arrest warrants and search warrants at a residence on the 500 block of Pacific Avenue in Fairfield in connection with the cases. Multiple people were detained. Two have been arrested at this time: 22-year-old Joseph Wells, of Fairfield, and 20-year-old Adama Diop of Fairfield.

Since the home invasion robbery on October 31, Lafayette Police Investigators, assisted by the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Investigation Division, have worked continuously on this case. Separately, the Oakland Police Department was already investigating a home invasion robbery that happened on October 29. A similar incident happened in Benicia on November 10. A second home invasion robbery occurred in Lafayette on November 26. The agencies began coordinating their efforts once investigative leads were developed and similarities between the four cases were established. During the serving of the search warrant at the residence today, Lafayette Police Investigators seized guns and numerous items and property believed to be stolen during the home invasion robberies.

“The arrest of these home invasion robbery suspects is the result of good police work,” said Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston. “It was a combination of following up on leads, a critical tip from a citizen who reported something suspicious, and teamwork among the law enforcement agencies involved.”

Interviews with the suspects are currently taking place. Wells and Diop will be booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on charges that include: residential burglary, kidnapping, false imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, stolen vehicle, and conspiracy.

The Lafayette Police Department would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance: Contra Costa Sheriff’s Office, Oakland Police Department, Fairfield Police Department, and Benicia Police Department. Anyone with any information on the Lafayette cases is asked to contact the Lafayette Police Department at (925) 283-3680 or (925) 299-3234. For any tips, email: 94549TIP@gmail.com or call (866) 846-3592 to leave an anonymous voice message.

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