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Surveillance camera aids in arrest of robbery suspect

Redlands Police camera surveillance aided in the arrest of one suspect in a strongarm robbery late Monday night. A second suspect was identified and arrested Tuesday.

The victims, two 17-year-old boys, were confronted outside of a shopping center in the 500 block of Orange Street by three men who threatened them and demanded their cell phones. When the victims left the area the suspects continued to follow them to the nearby Krikorian Theater at 340 N. Eureka St. where they continued to threaten the victims. The victims went inside the theater and called police.

While officers were on the way, a surveillance camera operator in the Police Dispatch Center monitoring the department's surveillance cameras spotted one of the suspects near the theater and alerted officers.

The suspect, 21-year-old Robert Arthur Smith, a local transient, was located and positively identified as one of the robbers. He was found to be in possession of one of the stolen cell phones. Smith was arrested for robbery. Police later identified Christopher Michaelblake Hollis, 19, of Redlands, as another suspect. Hollis was located and arrested Tuesday.

One suspect is still outstanding. He is described as a white male, tall and thin, last seen wearing a red hat and white shirt.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Redlands Police Dispatch at (909) 798-7681. Anonymous tips can be provided by texting 274637 using the keyword "REDTIP."

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