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Drug Use Believed to be Cause of Off-Campus Home Invasion

This morning at approximately 12:45 am New Brunswick Police officers responded to a residence on Huntington Street to investigate a home invasion robbery. Four victims, all Rutgers students, were in the residence at the time of the robbery. Three of the victims described three (3) male suspects who entered the residence through an unlocked back door. The suspects then entered the bedrooms and demanded money. The fourth victim was in the bathroom and did not witness the robbery or see the suspects.

Suspect #1 is described as a tall, skinny African American male, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with white laces, and sweatpants.

Suspect #2 is described as a tall, medium build African American male, also wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants.

Suspect #3 is described as a short, light skinned male, possibly of Indian, Hispanic, or Middle Eastern decent, also wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants.

As the suspects demanded the money, Suspect #1 punched one of the victims in the face. Suspect #2 went to the bedroom dresser and removed a significant amount of cash. The three suspects then left on foot and entered two vehicles which sped away from the area. The first vehicle was described as a black four-door Honda or Acura and the second vehicle was a blue or black four-door vehicle.

The victim punched in the face did not sustain a significant injury. All four victims were male ranging in ages between 19 and 21 years of age.
As detectives interviewed the victims, it was determined that a significant amount of time had passed between when the robbery had happened and when the victims actually called the police. One of the victims was intoxicated and high as he spoke with the detectives. He stated that he had consumed liquor and ingested Molly (a form of Ecstasy) earlier that evening. The preliminary investigation suggests that the recent purchase of Molly by the victim and the home invasion robbery are connected. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Kenneth Abode at (732) 745-5217.

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