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Police Investigate Home Invasion Robbery
Motive Appears to be Drug Related

On Tuesday morning at approximately 12:10 am New Brunswick police officers responded to a house on Robinson Street where residents reported a home invasion robbery. Upon the officer’s arrival the suspect had already fled the area. The residents of the Robinson Street house are members of the Rutgers University TKE fraternity. Four residents along with four guests were at the home at the time of the robbery. All eight victims are Rutgers students.

The victims described the suspect as a light skinned African American male, wearing dark clothing, and brandishing a handgun. His direction of flight is unknown. No one was injured as a result of the robbery.

Investigating detectives have determined that the suspect specifically targeted the house on Robinson Street for the amount of cash and drugs inside. As detectives conducted their investigation they observed large quantities of cash along with drugs and drug paraphernalia in certain areas of the house. The initial investigation suggests that the suspect had prior knowledge of the drug activity in the house and targeted that location for those proceeds. An initial reluctance to cooperate by the victims has slowed down the investigation; however investigators are asking anyone with information to contact Detective Dave Smith at (732) 745-5217. The possibility of criminal charges against the victims and/or occupants of the residence are pending further investigation.

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