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## **News Release**

### **Durham Police Department**

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### **Six People Arrested on Armed Robbery Charges; Police Looking for Seventh Suspect**

Six people were arrested on armed robbery charges following two separate business robberies over the weekend.

Officers were dispatched to an armed robbery call at the GameStop store in Oak Creek Shopping Center, 4600 Chapel Hill Boulevard at 10:28 a.m. on Saturday. Officers were told that three males entered the store and forced employees to lie on the floor. The suspects robbed the employees of cell phones and wallets at gunpoint. They also took money from a safe and numerous games and pieces of gaming equipment.

Officers were given a description of a suspect vehicle. As Officers R.S. Harris and J.P. Mitchell were driving to the call they saw a vehicle matching the description on Martin Luther King Jr Parkway near Hope Valley Road and attempted to stop it. The driver pulled over, but sped away as the officers approached the vehicle.

Officers chased the vehicle on Barbee Road, N.C. 54 and Fayetteville Road. The driver lost control of the vehicle while attempting to pass another vehicle on Fayetteville Road near Obie Drive and crashed into a tree. The four occupants of the vehicle jumped out and fled. No one was injured.

Patrol officers and police K-9 officers searched the area and apprehended four males. Investigators charged Gary Lamont Jackson, 20, of Wabash Street, Blair Cooper Tyson, 20, of Delchester Court, Lamont Alston, 19, of Ridgeway Avenue and Terry Strudwick, 26, of Camden Avenue with four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of second-degree kidnapping, one count of felony conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Strudwick was also charged with several traffic violations. All four were placed in Durham County Jail under \$1 million bonds.



Gary Jackson



Blair Tyson



Lamont Alston



Terry Strudwick

In addition, investigators charged Jackson, Tyson and Alston with robbing the GameStop store on New

Hope Commons Drive at gunpoint on November 5. Three males entered the business, forced an employee to lie face down on the floor and stole numerous items.

Sunday evening officers were dispatched to an armed robbery at Parkwood Convenience Store, 5100 Revere Road. Three males entered the store around 5:30 p.m. and demanded money. One male pointed a gun at a female employee's head. The suspects fled with a cash register drawer, a case of cigars, cell phones, a wallet and a necklace. They were seen leaving in a dark-colored Jeep Cherokee.

A few minutes later, K-9 Officer M.D. Mues spotted a vehicle matching the description on Cornwallis Road and attempted to stop it on Lake Cook Drive. The three occupants of the vehicle jumped out and ran. Officers caught Devan Denzell Pennix, 19, of North Duke Street on Kent Lake Drive. Mues and K-9 Officer T.M. Tanner tracked a second person – William Devoil Allen, 20, of Channing Court – to an embankment next to a lake. The third suspect got away, but investigators have warrants out on Adam Rashad Wilson, 21, of Tattersall Drive.



Devan Pennix



William Allen



Adam Wilson

Pennix and Allen were both charged with three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of felony conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Allen was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$1 million bond and Pennix, who was also charged with failure to appear in court on an earlier misdemeanor charge, was placed in jail under a \$1,001,000 bond.

Wilson is charged with a probation violation, three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of felony conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Anyone with information on Wilson's whereabouts is asked to call Investigator Burwell at 560-4415, ext. 29310 or CrimeStoppers at 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.