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Joint Robbery Investigation Leads to Arrests

On November 25, 2020 the Beaverton Police Department responded to a robbery at an area hotel near SW 158th Ave. in Beaverton, OR. The female victim was violently assaulted and robbed by three male subjects.

During the robbery, the female victim was attacked with a hammer and suffered significant injuries. This was the third assault at the same Beaverton hotel in 2020 and in the other cases, the victims were robbed and assaulted in a similar fashion. Working with the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland FBI, who were investigating two similar robbery and assaults that occurred around the same time period, the suspects were identified as 19- year-old Yuan Gao, 21-year-old Xinyu Zhou, and 18-year-old Arian Esfandiari.

Beaverton Police detectives, while working with local and federal law enforcement agencies, around the U.S. were able to establish Mr. Gao, Mr. Zhou, and/or Mr. Esfandiari as suspects in similar type of assaults/robberies cases. In these cases, female victims suffered significant injuries and the assault/robberies occurred in at least three other states. On December 10, 2020 Mr. Gao, Mr. Zhou, and Mr. Esfandiari were taken into custody in Omaha, Nebraska for similar offenses in Nebraska. The Beaverton Police believe there are additional suspects associated with these incidents that occurred in Beaverton. It is also believed that additional victims maybe in the Portland/Beaverton areas. If you have any information, please contact Beaverton Police Detective Chad Opitz at 503-526-2674.

All three suspects have been indicted in Washington County, Oregon for various crimes and are expected to be extradited after their cases have been resolved in Nebraska.

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