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News Release

Two Isla Vista Residents Arrested for Forcible Cell Phone Theft Attack **The Suspects are Roommates and SBCC Students**

Isla Vista- At approximately 5:30 p.m. last night, November 5, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputies with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol responded to the 6600 block of Abrego Road to a report of a strong armed robbery. A witness had called 911 to report seeing a male victim being attacked by two male suspects. The Santa Barbara County Emergency Communications Center then received a call from the victim himself who confirmed the information and said the suspects had assaulted him and stolen his new iPhone. He also said during the process, one of the suspects had dropped his own cell phone. The victim, who received minor injuries, was able to give Sheriff's Deputies a description of the suspects.

Sheriff's Deputies set up a perimeter and called in a Sheriff's K9 Unit to assist in the search for the suspects. About ten minutes later, a deputy located one of the suspects, 21 year old Starrr Martin of Virginia, nearby in the area of Camino Pescadero and Abrego Road. He was taken into custody without incident.

Soon after, Sheriff's Deputies located the second suspect, 18 year old Aaron Cuthbert of Palmdale, California in the 6600 block of Picasso Road. While being taken into custody, Cuthbert fought with deputies and fled. A thirty minute foot chase ensued and the suspect was ultimately apprehended in the 700 block of Camino Del Sur.

The two suspects are roommates and acted together to assault the victim and steal his iPhone which was discovered in their Isla Vista apartment. The suspects both attend Santa Barbara City College. Martin is charged with robbery and conspiracy. Cuthbert is charged with robbery, conspiracy, resisting arrest and giving false information to a peace officer. Bail is set at \$100,000 dollars each.



Starr Martin



Aaron Cuthbert

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