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Armed Robbery

On April 23, 2022, at 12:43 AM, Foster City Police Officers responded to Apollo Lane in Foster City on the report of an armed robbery. The victim reported he arrived home and noticed an unfamiliar vehicle parked oddly in front of his neighbor's garage with its headlights on. He described the vehicle as a Japanese crossover type SUV. The victim backed into his garage and parked his car. While closing his door, an armed suspect ran into his garage and stopped the door from closing. The suspect confronted the victim by punching the driver's side window repeatedly demanding he open the car door. When the victim did not immediately comply, the suspect fired one shot through the driver's side window, missing the victim. The suspect then demanded the victim's wallet. The victim immediately handed his wallet through the broken window. The suspect fled the garage and drove off in her vehicle. The victim was not physically injured.

The suspect was described as a 30 to 40 year old Black Female Adult, wearing camo print clothing and a mask. The weapon she used was a semi-automatic style handgun with an extended magazine.

Just before this incident, a similar robbery occurred in Redwood City at 12:15 AM. A black female adult wearing similar camo print clothing committed an armed robbery in a similar vehicle during this incident.

As of Saturday afternoon, police are still investigating several leads and are working on the connection between the incident in Redwood City. Anyone with information on this incident is urged to contact the Foster City Police Department.

The Foster City Police Department would like to remind our residents of the importance of personal safety related to property. Please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity. If you arrive home and find something odd, move to a safe location and call 911. FCPD will respond to these types of incidents immediately. If you find yourself the victim of a robbery, stay calm and don't resist. Do as instructed. Money and property are not important and can be replaced.

You can obtain more information at <u>Fostercitypd.org</u> and follow our Facebook page for tips on reporting crimes and suspicious activity.

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