



Bureau of Detectives – Area South

Community Alert



Taxi Cab Robberies 4th District (South Chicago)

About the Crime:

This alert provides notice of recent robberies of taxi cab drivers that have occurred in the 4th District (South Chicago) on Beat 421. Multiple male offenders are picked up, and upon reaching their destination, the drivers are threatened with a firearm. Cab receipts and personal property are taken. These robberies have occurred on South Phillips Avenue and South Essex Avenue between 7600 and 7800. The male offenders flee on foot.

Incident times and locations:

- 7600 block of S. Phillips Ave., Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 4:32 a.m.
- 7600 block of S. Phillips Ave., Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 11:50 p.m.
- 7800 block of S. Essex Ave., Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

About the Offender:

Two to four, male African-Americans believed to be 20 to 30 years of age. Offenders have been wearing hooded sweatshirts.

What you can do:

- If confronted by the offenders, attempt to remain calm.
- Avoid carrying valuables (wallets, cellular phones, money) in plain sight while seated in your vehicle.
- If remaining in your vehicle for extended periods of time, be aware of your surroundings.
- Call 911 immediately and provide a detailed description of any suspicious people including any vehicle description and license plate information.

**If you have any information, contact
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