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CHIEF OF POLICE

# PALOS VERDES ESTATES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE



### INVESTIGATION OF ARMED HOME

### INVASION ROBBERIES LEADS TO ARREST OF 5 SUSPECTS

On March 2, 2018, Palos Verdes Estates Police Department officers responded to a report of an armed home invasion robbery in the 700 block of Via La Cuesta. Officers and detectives arrived and documented this violent crime, examined forensic evidence and started an investigation. On July 8, 2018, PVEPD officers responded to another report of an armed home invasion robbery, which occurred in the 1300 block of Via Coronel. PVEPD officers and detectives again responded. Our detectives analyzed evidence from both scenes and believed both crimes were committed by the same suspects.

Through an intense analysis of evidence and data, our detectives were able to identify 5 suspects who they believed to be associated with a South Los Angeles gang. With the assistance of the Torrance Police Department, hundreds of hours of surveillance was conducted and additional information was developed. Our detectives contacted other agencies who had similar home invasion robberies. PVEPD detectives developed enough evidence to believe this robbery crew was responsible for an additional 6 home invasion robberies committed in various cities throughout Los Angeles county. These cities included Rancho Palos Verdes, La Habra Heights, La Canada, Playa Del Rey and Palmdale. The estimated loss of these robberies was 1 million dollars. After this intense, focused investigation and collaboration with allied agencies and the LA County District Attorney's Office, PVEPD detectives obtained arrest and search warrants.

On Thursday, October 18, 2018, the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, with assistance from Torrance Police Department personnel, served several search/arrest warrants in the Los Angeles area related to this investigation. Five suspects were arrested that day and several items of evidence were recovered during the search warrants including two firearms, masks, gloves, handcuffs, zip ties, police scanners, "walkie-talkies", jewelry, cash and items we believe show gang affiliation.

On Monday, October 22, 2018, the case was presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office who filed a total of 60 felony counts. Defendants Estrada, Thomas, Coleman and Cisneros have prior convictions for robbery.

The men and women of the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department are dedicated to keeping Palos Verdes Estates one of the safest cities in California. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of our detectives and law enforcement partners, whose tireless efforts helped put this case together. We know these crimes can be very traumatic to the victims, and hope that they can take some comfort knowing the suspects who did this to them will be held accountable.

See the following pages for suspect information.

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**Thomas, Kelyon**

**City of Residence: Los Angeles**

**Age: 45**

**Booking Number: 04156229**



**Estrada, Janalisa**

**City of Residence: Los Angeles**

**Age: 39**

**Booking Number: 32336567**



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**Coleman, Dennis**

**City of Residence: Los Angeles**

**Age: 40**

**Booking Number: 04399646**



**Carmicle, James**

**City of Residence: Wilmington**

**Age: 46**

**Booking Number: 33176633**



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**Cisneros, Carlos**

**City of Residence: Los Angeles**

**Age: 33**

**Booking Number: 04649894**