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MEDIA RELEASE

1 Union City police are currently investigating two armed robberies involving multiple victims.
 2 Both robberies occurred at approximately 2 pm but in different neighborhoods.
 3 The initial robbery attempt involved three unidentified suspects who accosted two Alvarado Middle
 4 School students as they walked home from school. The students were threatened and one was slightly
 5 injured. The robbers were interrupted by a City of Union City worker. Investigators are working with
 6 witnesses to identify the suspects who, according to the victims, were approximately 17 to 18 years old.
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 8 The second robbery occurred around the same time but in the area of Alvarado Niles Rd. near Santa
 9 Maria Dr. A group of 6 robbers accosted a large group of middle school students near the Burger King
 10 Restaurant, robbing 4 victims at gunpoint. Victims were robbed of their cell phones, money, and several
 11 other items of personal property.
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 13 Responding patrol officers converged upon the area and contacted victims, witnesses, and neighborhood
 14 residents. Officers arrested 6 suspects for robbery. Arrestees include four juveniles and two young
 15 adults. All 6 suspects are Union City residents. Multiple pieces of property were recovered as well as
 16 two realistic replica handguns. These handguns were used to frighten and intimidate the victims, all
 17 young students in their early teens, into handing over their property, in fear for their safety.
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 19 Investigators have determined that there may be several additional victims in each robbery. We are
 20 asking parents to speak with their children and contact UCPD if their children were victimized in either
 21 of these incidents.
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 23 Authorities are asking anyone with additional information in regard to this incident to please call the
 24 Union City Police Department. (510-471-1365). The Union City Police Department also has a tip line
 25 for callers that want to leave anonymous tips for the police department. (510-675-5207)
 26 (tips@unioncity.org).

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