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Davis police officers found four air guns that were made to look like semi-automatic handguns on a group of robbery suspects they arrested. Courtesy photo

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Downtown robbery leads to eight arrests

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A series of armed robberies that have plagued Davis since September continued Friday night with a downtown holdup, with police arresting eight suspects shortly after the crime.

Deputy Police Chief Paul Doroshov said the robbery occurred at about 10:20 p.m. as the three victims were walking in the 500 block of E Street. They were approached by multiple suspects who “produced what appeared to be handguns and demanded the victims’ property.”

As the suspects fled on foot, the victims flagged down a nearby police car and reported the robbery, Doroshov said. Another nearby police vehicle responded to the area and stopped a white sport-utility vehicle leaving the scene.

“Inside the car, officers located property taken from the victims, along with four air guns that were made to look like semi-automatic handguns,” Doroshov said.

Officers arrested eight suspects on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy, including 18-year-old Vanessa Montenegro Wease of Woodland, who was lodged at the Yolo County Jail. The others were minors who were booked into Yolo County Juvenile Hall.

Friday’s robbery was the latest of in a series of at least nine to strike the city in recent weeks, all of which have involved armed suspects and three of which resulted in attempted or completed carjackings. The Davis Police Department has deployed additional police units and other investigative resources to focus specifically on this crime trend.



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