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# 2 men held in robbery spree across Boston

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Two men robbed five people at gunpoint, wounding two of them, in five separate incidents across Boston over a two-hour span before being arrested Sunday, authorities said.

Between 6 and 8 a.m., the duo committed robberies in four Boston neighborhoods, according to Boston police.

At about 10:15 a.m., officers spotted a green station wagon with a license plate that matched the description given by people who said they had been robbed, police said.

A man in the passenger seat of the vehicle, which was parked near 242 Warren St. in Roxbury, appeared to be sleeping, officials said. When the driver returned to the car, officers arrested the men and found a gun, police said.

**Carlos Rivera, 24, and Eric Cruz, 23, both of Boston, face two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and five counts of armed robbery, along with illegal gun possession charges, police said. Two of the people they allegedly robbed suffered gunshot wounds that weren't considered life-threatening.**

**During the first robbery, a man suffered what appeared to be gunshot wounds, officials said. Police were alerted at 6 a.m. by the activation of a ShotSpotter, a device that recognizes the sound of gunshots, near 94 Howard Ave. in Dorchester. They took the man to Boston Medical Center.**

**About a half-hour later, officers responded to a spot near Jersey and Queensberry streets in the Fenway neighborhood, according to police. A male told officers he was approached from behind by someone who showed a gun and said: "Give me everything."**

**At about 7:15 a.m., officers were flagged down by a female. She told police that she had been robbed by an armed man who demanded money from her near 11 Collins St. in Hyde Park, Boston police said.**

**Twenty minutes later, officers responded to a radio call about a person robbed and shot near 47 Sydney St. in Dorchester, authorities said. A male was transported to Boston Medical Center with an apparent gunshot wound.**

**At about 8 a.m., officers responded to a radio call about an armed robbery in Roxbury, officials said. A female told officers she was walking near Regent and Herman streets when she was robbed at gunpoint.**

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