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# Suspect arrested in connection with armed robberies near BU

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Police have arrested a juvenile suspect in connection with two of the recent armed robberies in Brookline near the Boston University campus, authorities said Thursday night.

Brookline police said in a statement that the juvenile, whom they did not identify, voluntarily turned himself in at department headquarters Thursday, accompanied by his lawyer.

The teenager is being charged with armed robberies that occurred Sept. 25 and Oct. 5, police said.

“This case is being actively investigated in an effort to apprehend the other two individuals who are also believed to be involved in these crimes,” the statement said.

The arrest came one day after BU offered a \$10,000 [reward](#)

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for tips leading to arrest and conviction for those robberies and two others. All four incidents occurred between Sept. 23 and Tuesday.

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Lieutenant Philip Harrington, a department spokesman, had no word Thursday night on whether the juvenile could face more charges or if the reward offer played any role in his apprehension.

Authorities had released surveillance video Wednesday of three young men suspected in one of the robberies, which occurred Friday. Most of the victims in the four cases were current BU students.

“We’re very pleased to see that at least one of the suspects” is in custody, Colin Riley, a university spokesman, said in a brief phone interview on Thursday night.



In each case, the robbers were described as either two or three black males in their late teens or early 20s wearing sweatshirts. The suspects had either shown or pointed a gun at the victims.

In the most recent case, a female BU student said she was robbed Tuesday about 8:30 p.m. while walking along Commonwealth Avenue in front of a campus academic building, according to Brookline police.

Students on the BU campus Thursday night welcomed news of the arrest but also spoke of lingering tensions after the robberies.

“That’s great to hear,” said Reena Mangubat, 19, a sophomore studying film and television, when informed of the arrest. “It’s a little more assuring, but there are still more suspects out there. It is still unnerving.”

Bonny Xu, 20, a junior majoring in business, said that while she did not necessarily fear for her safety after the robberies, “you could feel the tension” on campus.

“I feel a little safer, but not completely,” said her friend, Shawn Huang, 20, also a junior business major. “I feel like [the suspect’s] friends will be less inclined to do things now.”

But, Huang said, precautions are still necessary.

“That’s why we’re walking together,” he said.

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