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Teens arraigned in armed robberies

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Three Pontiac teenagers face the possibility of life in prison for their alleged roles in two armed robberies early Friday morning.

Joey Steven Vang, 17, Rocky Herr, 17, and Jerry Herr, 18, were arraigned Saturday in 6th Circuit Court. All three teens are charged with armed robbery, and all were denied bond.

The charges stem from two incidents that occurred within the span of an hour early Friday morning. The first robbery took place about 3:44 a.m., when a 24-year-old Auburn Hills resident pulled into a parking lot in the area of 2800 Patrick Henry Road in Auburn Hills.

Police say the man was approached by two people wearing masks, one of whom was holding a rifle. The victim was ordered to get out of his vehicle and was assaulted upon his exit, according to a press release. The suspects took the man's money and cell phone before leaving the scene in a pickup truck, police said.

The victim suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

Less than an hour later, a person was robbed on Gregory Road in Orion Township, according to information provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

There, the suspects had what appeared to be an AK-47 and were wearing Halloween masks, police said.

About 4:30 a.m., officers with the Pontiac Police Department found the suspects and their vehicle in the area of Kennett Road and Stanley Street in Pontiac. They were taken into custody without incident, and the weapons and masks used in the robberies were recovered.

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