



# Tulare Police Department

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## Three arrested in Kidnapping Robbery Case

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*\*\*The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\**

Three women are in custody after a victim reported she was forcibly taken from a residence in Tulare, which is confidential at this time, and drove into the unincorporated area near the city. On November 30<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9pm officers were dispatched to the area of State Route 137 and Road 68 regarding a female that had been assaulted. The victim stated she was taken against her will, assaulted and robbed of her property by the suspects. Passerbys saw the victim walking near the area of state route 137 and Road 68 and called the police.

The investigation led to identifying the three suspects, Christina Mills 28 of Tulare, Danielle Russell 26 of Tulare, and Julia Russell 22 of Clovis. On December 1<sup>st</sup> there were several search warrants conducted in the City of Tulare as a result of this case. All three suspects have been arrested and booked at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department Pre-Trial Facility on kidnapping, robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy to commit a felony.

There is a suspected motive, but will not be released at this time to protect the integrity of the case. The victim's information is being kept confidential at this time.



Danielle Russell, 26



Julia Russell, 22



Christina Mills, 28

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

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