

## News Release

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### Three Suspects Charged in Robbery and Assault Investigation

The Aberdeen Police Department has charged three individuals in connection with a robbery and assault that occurred on August 27, 2025, in the City of Aberdeen.

At approximately 1:07 p.m., officers responded to the area of Swan Street for a reported robbery that had just occurred. Officers located an adult female victim who had sustained visible injuries.

The investigation revealed that earlier in the day, the victim had intervened when she observed three suspects assaulting another individual near the MARC train station on East Bel Air Avenue. After the victim told the group to stop the assault, one of the suspects reportedly displayed a pocketknife and threatened her. The suspects eventually left the area.

Approximately ten minutes later, while the victim was walking home, the same suspects waited for her along her route and approached her from behind. The suspects surrounded the victim, and one of them began striking her. During the assault, the victim was knocked to the ground and dragged along the pavement. While the victim was being assaulted, the other two suspects took the victim's belongings.

Officers recovered some of the victim's property nearby during the investigation.

Investigators utilized surveillance footage, witness statements, and photo line-ups to identify the suspects as:

- Taneese Barksdale, 37, of Aberdeen
- Vaughnesha D. Watson, 35, of Aberdeen
- Deatra T. Reid, 29, of Aberdeen

All three suspects have been charged in connection with the incident. Charges in the case include armed robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, assault, and theft.

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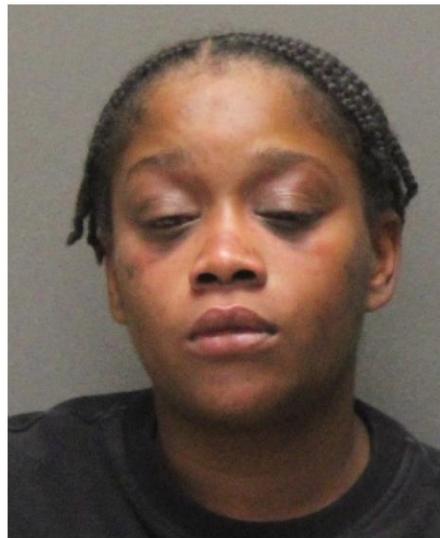
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