

Orange officials: police have made key arrests

City officials in Orange announced Tuesday police stopped two burglaries and pursued carjackers until their arrest.

Police presence in certain areas, including the shopping districts of Main Street and Central Avenue, and the areas of higher levels of reported crime, were increased, said city officials.

The rise in coverage, said city officials, resulted in the key arrests:

- Acting on an anonymous tip Dec. 17 about a man with a rifle carrying CDs, Sgt. Issac Eason and Officers Anthony Holmes and D'shon Williams arrived at 197 Oakwood Place. They reported the suspect was spotted on the roof as they were entering the house.

The suspect allegedly on the roof was apprehended and arrested, said officials. Two other suspects reportedly were found inside the house and were arrested. Police claim to have recovered bullets, 40 grams of crack cocaine, 22 grams of marijuana, the discs and three small plastic bags of heroin.

Charged with burglary and drug-related charges, said the city officials, included Duquan Bonduant, 30, of East Orange, and Keenan Jones, 20, and Shareef Mayfield, 30, both of Orange.

- Responding to a witness' report of a burglary in progress on Dec. 23, Officers Joseph Alston and Robert Polhill arrived at 465 Burnside Ave., said city officials. They walked to the rear of the house with the witness to observe where the

suspects had broken a window to get inside.

The witness told police the suspects fled when they saw they were being observed. The witness also described what the suspects were wearing, said the officials.

Three people who matched the descriptions were found on Bradford and driven to the scene where the witness made positive identifications.

Police said those arrested were Shawn Wade, 18, Teyshon Brock, 18, and Karriem Jones, 26, all of Orange.

- While on patrol on Dec. 26, Officer Joegy Jacob saw a black, four-door Lincoln MKZ near Freeway Drive West and South Day Street. The car, said city officials, matched the description of one that had been carjacked at gunpoint on Berkeley Avenue in Orange the day before and had been involved in two armed robberies in Orange and a shooting in East Orange.

The driver fled and officers Jacob, Franchot Taylor and David Fanfan pursued him through East Orange, Newark and Irvington. Trapped on Lafayette Place in Irvington, a dead-end street, the driver turned around and was arrested after striking two police vehicles.

Arrested were Davon Johnson, 23, of Newark, William Thompson, 18, of Orange and a juvenile from East Orange. City officials said the suspects also are under investigation in a series of armed robberies, shootings and carjackings.