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NEWS RELEASE: THREE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO HOME INVASION ROBBERY IN EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP

The Chester County District Attorney’s Office and the Easttown Township Police Department jointly announce the arrest of Julio Mendoza, 23, Louis Armstrong, 20, and Axel Reyes, 21, all of Philadelphia in connection to the home invasion robbery that took place in Easttown Township on January 8, 2024. All three defendants are currently in custody, and are charged with dozens of crimes, including Burglary, Robbery, Kidnapping, Assault, and Firearms Offenses1. Armstrong was arrested in Kensington on March 26, 2024, and his bail was set at $2,500,000 cash, Reyes’ bail was set to $2,000,000 cash, and Mendoza, who is incarcerated in Philadelphia, is pending arraignment.

At a press conference held yesterday, District Attorney Christopher L. de Barrena-Sarobe described the terrifying crimes that involved one of the greatest nightmares imaginable: waking up to find armed intruders in your own home. After several hours of tormenting and threatening the homeowners, the defendants fled in the victims’ car with cash and valuables. Thanks to the partnership and collaboration of several law enforcement agencies, investigators approached this investigation from all angles and used a variety of investigative tools to

1 A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
Investigators have evidence to suggest that all three defendants could have been involved in other crimes similar to the home invasion robbery, and ask anyone with information about the robbery or information about the defendants to contact the Easttown Township Detectives at 610-341-9780 or the Chester County Detectives at 610-344-6886.

This was a joint investigation by Chester County Detectives and the Easttown Township Police Department. Other agencies assisting include the Tredyffrin Township Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and prosecutors from the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Chief of Investigations Andrea Cardamone is the assigned prosecutor.

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Approved for release by Christopher de Barrena-Sarobe, District Attorney