

Youths accused of abducting girl to be charged as adults

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YAKIMA, Wash. — Four teenagers accused of abducting a 15-year-old West Valley girl earlier this week will face charges as adults.

At a Yakima County juvenile court hearing Thursday, the judge transferred three of the boys' cases to Superior Court, with an arraignment set for this afternoon. Two of the suspects are 17 and one is 16.

A fourth boy, age 16, is scheduled for a charging hearing this morning in juvenile court, where his case will also be transferred to Superior Court, said Deputy Prosecuting Attorney James Kennedy, who added the charges will be announced when the suspects are arraigned.

Earlier, Kennedy said the four were being held on suspicion of kidnapping and robbery.

According to court affidavits filed by police, the four suspects confronted the girl and her friend Monday at the intersection of 64th and Terry avenues as she was heading to school. They forced the girl into the trunk of a car at gunpoint, while the girl's companion was robbed of his cellphone and wallet, the affidavits said.

She was told by her assailants that she would be killed if she did not stop moving around in the trunk the affidavits stated. At some point, all but one of the boys got out of the car, leaving her with her 17-year-old ex-boyfriend, who also threatened to kill her, according to the affidavits.

The girl was able to call 911 on her cellphone from the trunk, allowing dispatchers to track the car to State Route 410 near Chinook Pass, where it was stopped and the driver was arrested without incident.

The suspects each are being held on \$250,000 bail.



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I heard bubba will be passing out ropeless soap and welcome gifts.

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Amen to that! The boys want to be "tough", so lets see how far that goes in jail. I bet they cry their eyes out.

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Glad the girls ok and great to hear they won't be tried as juveniles.

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These are serious and scary charges. If kids are going to choose to do adult thing, then they should suffer adult consequences.

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