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Man, children suspected of hitting man in head with bat during failed robbery in Pasadena

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PASADENA - Police sought a man and two children who struck an ice cream vendor in the head with a baseball bat Sunday during a failed robbery in Pasadena, authorities said.

The crime took place about 3 p.m. in the 400 block of N. Chester Avenue, Pasadena police Lt. Keith Jones said. The robbery was carried out by two boys of about 12 to 14 years old and a man who appeared between 18 and 20.

The ice cream vendor, an El Sereno man in his 40s, was walking with his ice cream cart when the two children approached on scooters and asked for ice cream, the lieutenant said.

"As the victim was reaching to get them what they wanted, the older suspect came from behind and struck the victim in the head with a baseball bat," Jones said.

The vendor fell to the ground and the children tried unsuccessfully to pull his fanny pack off, he said.

"The victim was able to fight off the suspects, and they all ran northbound on Chester Avenue," Jones said.

The young suspects left their scooters behind, he added.

The injured victim was taken to Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, Jones said, where he was treated and released later Sunday.

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