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Pawned Video Game Links Suspect To Multiple Murders

The Dallas Police Department's Homicide Unit recently wrapped up their investigation into the shooting of five individuals during two separate offenses back in March of 2009. Three of those victims ended up dying from their injuries. The arrest of Roderick Harris B/M/6-12-84 on March 17, 2009, after a shoot out with police, was just the start of trying to tie this killer to both offenses.

On March 3, 2009 at 330 N. Ewing, Suspect Harris and two accomplices confronted a woman and her son and forced them into their apartment. Once inside, Harris put a gun up to the head of an 11 month old and demanded property. Among the property taken was an X-Box video game system. Suspect Harris then went upstairs and shot three brothers, killing one of them.

Two weeks later, Suspect Harris went to 733 Cliff View Drive and shoots two brothers during a robbery. Both brothers were killed trying to defend their family. As suspect Harris exited the residence, he was met by officers, whom Harris immediately began shooting at. It wasn't until suspect Harris was shot and wounded that Detectives began to put the pieces of these two offenses together.

Homicide Detectives felt they may be able to tie suspect Harris to both offenses but needed hard factual proof. They entered the stolen X-Box, taken in the first offense, into a pawn shop data base only to find that suspect Harris had pawned the game system just a few days earlier. They not only had surveillance video of him in the pawn shop but they had video of him driving up in the same suspect vehicle found at the second offense location when he was arrested.

Suspect Harris is currently in jail on multiple Capital Murder warrants and three Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant warrants. Patrol Officers and Detectives hard work and skills resulted in not only solving these two cases, but more importantly, getting a violent criminal off the streets.

