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OFFICERS ARREST CAR THIEVES AFTER BRIEF FOOT CHASE

Police arrested two people at the Trumbull Mall after they returned to the stolen car they had parked in the parking lot.

On Monday June 18, 2018, at approximately 10:20 am, Trumbull Police received information that a vehicle that had been stolen from New Canaan may be in the area of the Trumbull Mall. New Canaan Police provided information from an electronic tracking device on the vehicle.

Officers checking the parking lots inside the mall spotted the stolen vehicle parked in a space near the Madison Ave. entrance. Two males were seen approaching the vehicle and surrounded the area.

As they entered the vehicle, several officers approached the two. The male who had entered the driver's seat, was captured at the scene. The male on the passenger side, later identified as Tyler Ti ray Ballew 19, of Houston Ave., Bridgeport, eluded police and ran off on foot. A foot chase ensued back into and through the mall, with Ballew exiting back into the parking area where he was captured shortly thereafter by the pursuing officers.

Ballew, and a 17 year old male, also from Bridgeport, were both charged with Larceny 1<sup>st</sup> and Interfering with Police. Ballew was held on \$100,000.00 bond and is scheduled to appear in court on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The juvenile was later released to the custody of his parents and is scheduled to appear in court on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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