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CAR THIEVES ARRESTED AT THE TRUMBULL MALL

POLICE ARRESTED TWO NEW HAVEN MEN WITH A STOLEN CAR AT THE TRUMBULL MALL WHEN THEY WERE CAUGHT USING THE VEHICLE OWNER'S CREDIT CARDS. OFFICERS CAPTURED JASEAN SMITH AND MARQUISE HARRIS, BOTH 18 YEARS OLD, AFTER A FOOT CHASE BY OFFICERS THROUGH THE MALL AND PARKING LOT.

POLICE LEARNED THAT THE TWO HAD DRIVEN TO THE MALL AT ABOUT 10:30 A.M. SATURDAY MORNING IN A 2010 AUDI Q5 THAT HAD BEEN STOLEN THE PREVIOUS NIGHT IN NEWINGTON. FURTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE VEHICLE OWNER AND PROVIDED TO POLICE WAS THAT HER CREDIT CARDS, WHICH WERE LEFT IN THE CAR, WERE BEING USED AT VARIOUS STORES WITHIN THE MALL THAT MORNING.

THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION BY POLICE AT THE STORES INVOLVED PROVIDED VIDEO IMAGES OF THE SUSPECTS, WHILE OTHER OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE STOLEN VEHICLE PARKED AND UNOCCUPIED IN THE MALL PARKING LOT.

WHEN OFFICERS OBSERVED THE TWO SUSPECTS RETURNING TO THE STOLEN CAR, THE TWO FLED ON FOOT THROUGH THE MALL. ONE WAS CAPTURED AS HE TRIED TO HIDE AMONGST OTHER SHOPPERS NEAR THE BUILD-A-BEAR STORE. THE SECOND WAS STOPPED IN THE MALL PARKING LOT WHEN HE WAS CONFRONTED BY A POLICE CANINE TEAM.

BOTH WERE FOUND TO HAVE STOLEN MERCHANDISE TOTALING OVER \$2,000.00, SEVERAL STOLEN CREDIT CARDS, AS WELL AS THE KEY TO THE STOLEN VEHICLE.

SMITH WAS CHARGED WITH LARCENY 2ND DEGREE FOR THE STOLEN CAR, LARCENY 3RD DEGREE, CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER, AND SEVERAL OTHER CHARGES.

HARRIS WAS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT LARCENY 2ND DEGREE, LARCENY 3RD DEGREE, CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER, AND SEVERAL OTHER CHARGES.

BOTH WERE HELD ON \$50,000 BOND AND ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN BRIDGEPORT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2018.

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