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BROTHERS ARRESTED ON DRUG DEALING CHARGES

On Friday, November 2, 2018, Trumbull Police arrested Christopher Matthews 36 of Louisiana Avenue, Bridgeport and John Matthews 33 of Trumbull Avenue, Bridgeport for drug related charges after they were lured into town for a drug sale, then rammed a police cruiser in an attempt to escape.

Trumbull detectives, posing as a potential buyer, arranged to come to a predetermined location where they were to purchase drugs. At approximately 6 p.m. the brothers arrived driving a 2018 BMW. As Trumbull officers began to close in on the vehicle, John Matthews, who was operating the BMW at the time, attempted to escape by accelerating in reverse, crashing into a Trumbull Police K9 vehicle, disabling both. The brothers, who were immediately taken into custody, complained of minor injuries from the crash and were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where they were examined and released a short time later. The officer who was operating the K9 vehicle was also taken to St. Vincent's for minor injuries.

Recovered from the BMW was 247 packets of suspected Heroin, 6 cell phones, and almost \$2,000.00 in cash. The brothers are believed to be connected to a drug overdose death that occurred in Trumbull earlier on Friday. That investigation is continuing and additional charges are expected.

Both John and Christopher were charged with Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell. John was additionally charged with Assault on a Police Officer for the intentional vehicle crash. Christopher was held on \$100,000.00 bond and John was held on \$250,000.00 bond. Both are scheduled to appear in court on November 9, 2018.

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