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SUSPECT IDENTIFIED IN BRAZEN SHOPPING MALL ROBBERY

Trumbull Police Detectives have identified the man responsible for the late-night robbery of two female patrons at the Westfield Trumbull Shopping Mall on Friday. The suspect was involved in a similar robbery in Milford Saturday evening and was captured in New Haven following a pursuit by State Police, Milford Police, and other local departments.

Earlier on Saturday evening, December 22, 2018, at about 7:45 p.m., a robbery was reported to Milford Police that had occurred in the parking lot of the Milford Shopping Mall. A description of the fleeing vehicle was broadcast to area police departments and the suspect vehicle was spotted and pursued into New Haven. The vehicle crashed, one arrest was made, and a handgun was recovered that night.

One day prior, on Friday, December 21, 2018, two (2) female shoppers were exiting the Westfield Trumbull Mall at about 10:30 p.m. and were accosted by a lone black male who brandished a handgun and robbed them of cash and other personal property. The suspect fled the area in a waiting vehicle and was not located that night. No injuries were reported. Following the Milford incident, Trumbull Police Detectives collected evidence, conducted interviews, and compared detailed information with investigators in Milford and New Haven to determine conclusively that the same suspect was responsible for both crimes. They are continuing to work to gather additional evidence to verify details of the incident to support robbery charges, which are expected to be filed later this week in an arrest warrant application.

Trumbull Police are withholding identification of the suspect until he is charged. He is currently being detained by New Haven Police on active arrest warrants for other unrelated charges, in addition to those related to the police pursuit on Saturday. Milford Police are also expected to lodge robbery charges for the Saturday mall incident as well.

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