



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Armed Robbery in Wanmassa leads to Arrests

DATE/TIME: 11/27/2016 at 3:04am

LOCATION: Wanamassa Section of the Township

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Police Officers Kevin Donohoe, Brendan Bernhard, Detectives Jesse Orbach, Michael Melody, Raheem Carter and Detective Sergeant Patrick Martin. Also assisting in the investigation were officers from the Borough of Deal and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department, K9 Unit.

ACCUSED: Edwin Rodriguez 19 year old male // Oakhurst, NJ
Ruquan Dean 18 year old male // Oakhurst, NJ
Mark Santos 19 year old male // Oakhurst, NJ
Paul Ashton 2nd 24 year old male // Oakhurst, NJ

Wanted Persons – See below
Marcus Blackmon 19 year old male // Ocean, NJ
Lamont Reid 19 year old male // Asbury Park, NJ

NARRATIVE:

On 11/27/16 at approximately 03:04 am the police were called to the 1400 block of Maple Avenue in reference to an armed robbery that had just occurred. Officer Brendan Bernhard arrived on the scene and located two 17- year-old male victims who reported being robbed at gunpoint by four other male subjects. One of the male victims had his sneakers and a cellular phone taken during the robbery. The Ocean Township Police Criminal Investigation Bureau, Deal Police Department and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department K9 were called in to assist with the search for the three male subjects.

Further investigation led police to a residence on Monmouth Road in Oakhurst where four male subjects were located. Two of the four later identified as Edwin Rodriguez age 19 of Oakhurst and Raquan Dean age 18 of Oakhurst were arrested and charged with the

robbery. The other two were identified as Mark Santos age 19 of Oakhurst and Paul Ashton Age 24 of Oakhurst. Both were arrested and charged for Child Endangerment, Being under the influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Obstructing the initial robbery investigation.

In addition, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency responded to the residence as occupants were engaging in drug activity while two juveniles, ages three and four were in the residence. During the investigation a dog inside the house attacked Sergeant Martin causing an injury. Martin was taken to the hospital for treatment and was released. Animal Control also responded to the scene and took temporary custody of the dogs. A 1998 Toyota Corolla was seized pending civil forfeiture proceedings as it was used in a commission of a crime. The following males were transported to the station without further incident and their charges were as follows. Bail set by Superior Court Judge Ronald Reisner.

Edwin Rodriguez: Robbery, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Handgun) Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Child Endangerment, Obstruction and Under the Influence- Bail set at \$230,000
Transported to the County Jail

Ruquan Dean: Robbery, Child endangerment, Obstruction and Under the Influence- Bail set at \$130,000 - Transported to the County Jail

Mark Santos: Child Endangerment, Obstruction and Under the Influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, he was released on a summons.

Paul Ashton: Child Endangerment, Obstruction and Under the Influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, he was released on a summons.

Currently Wanted in Reference to the Robbery: (See the Attached Photos)

Marcus Blackmon – First Photo

Lamont Reid – Second Photo

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Blackmon and Reid are urged to call us:

OTPD Main number: 732-531-1800

Crime Tips - Anonymous: 732-531-3323

OTPD Detectives: 732-531-1428

Email: CrimeTips@OceanTwp.org

Direct Message via Social Media:

www.facebook.com/OceanTwpPolice

www.twitter.com/OceanTwpPolice



Marcus Blackmon



Lamont Reid

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