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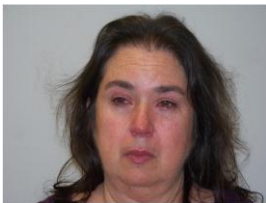
Barnstable Police Department Press Release
December 16, 2011
Three suspects arrested for unarmed robbery

On 12/15/11 at approximately 2:15am Barnstable Police Officers responded to the report of an unarmed robbery on Scudder Ave in Hyannis near the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center. Officer Ginnety responded to the call and spoke with the victim, whom stated that a red car with 3 occupants had pulled up next to her and 2 of the occupants got out of the car approached her and took her pocketbook.

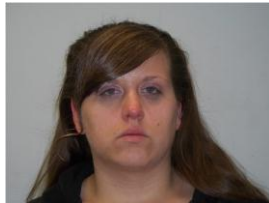
At the time Officer Ginnety was conducting his interview Officer Bitinas was on a motor vehicle stop on Oak Neck Rd. Officer Bitinas had observed a red vehicle make several improper turns and had initiated a car stop. During the car stop Officer Bitinas was advised of the suspect description by Officer Ginnety. The 3 subjects in the red vehicle matched the description of the suspects from the unarmed robbery that had just occurred less than a half mile away.

Once positive identities were made it was discovered that the operator of the vehicle 52 year old **ANTOINETTE NICKERSON** of Yarmouth, had been the operator of the vehicle during the robbery. The passengers, 26 year old **RHONDA BLAKE** of West Yarmouth and 28 year old **DUSTIN PRATT** of Forestdale, had both exited the vehicle and taken the purse from the victim.

All 3 suspects were taken into custody and charged with **UNARMED ROBBERY**. The victim was not harmed during the incident.



NICKERSON



BLAKE



PRATT

Booking photographs of all suspects are attached to this press release. For any additional information and/or questions please contact Detective Kevin Connolly
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Suspect arrested for possession of cocaine while driving stolen motor vehicle

On 12/15/11 at approximately 12:37am, Officer Jean Challies ran a check on a vehicle she was driving behind. The computer check showed that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Mashpee. Officer Challies conducted a motor vehicle stop at Bearse's Way and Rte. 28 in Hyannis. After confirming the vehicle was stolen the operator, 27 year old KAREN GERMAIN of Marstons Mills, was taken into custody.

Prior to the vehicle being returned to the owners a search was conducted and found in the vehicles passenger compartment were multiple items of drug paraphernalia. GERMAIN also had in her possession a white powdery substance that, upon field testing came up positive as cocaine. KAREN GERMAIN was transported to the Barnstable Police Headquarters where she was charged with RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, OVER \$250 and POSSESSION OF A CLASS B SUBSTANCE, COCAINE.



GERMAIN

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