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Two Arrested for Armed Robbery June 11, 2010

At approximately 1:45 this morning, Jacksonville Police officers responded to a call of shots fired at the Village Green Apartments in the Cardinal Village area of the city.

The victim told officers that he was walking up the stairs of the apartment building when he was approached by a black male with a handgun. A struggle ensued and a second man appeared with a handgun. During the assault, the victim was pistol whipped and one of the weapons discharged, injuring the victim. The victim was robbed of his vehicle keys, jewelry and an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspects fled the area in the victim's car.

A short time later, officers of the Patrol Division located the vehicle in the Liberty Crossing area. Further investigation revealed that the two subjects had been picked up by a taxi in the area. The officers located the taxi, initiated a traffic stop in which the two occupants fled on foot. Officers gave chase and both suspects were apprehended and identified as Aldranard Bennett, 32, of 312 Starling Street, Jacksonville and Chris Wyche, 20, 605 New River Drive, Jacksonville.

The suspects were taken into custody. Both are being held at the Onslow County Jail with the charges as detailed below. The victim was transported to Onslow Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released. The case remains under investigation.

During the incident, Jacksonville Police officers located the two handguns matching the descriptions of the weapons user during the incident.

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“Once again, the swift action of neighbors in the area in calling the Police allowed us to apprehend the suspects quickly” stated Police Chief Mike Yaniero.

Citizens are urged to call 911 if they observe any suspicious activity or individuals.



Aldranard Bennett, 32

312 Starling Street, Jacksonville

Bond - \$151,000

Armed Robbery (1 count)

Assault w/Dangerous Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury with Intent to Kill (1 count)

Felony Conspiracy (1 count)

Larceny of Motor Vehicle (1count)

Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon (1 count)



Chris Wyche, 20

605 New River Drive, Jacksonville

Bond - \$150,000

Armed Robbery (1 count)

Assault w/Dangerous Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury with Intent to Kill (1 count)

Felony Conspiracy (1 count)

Larceny of a Motor Vehicle (1 count)

Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (1 count)

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