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State Police assist to Meriden Police: Armed Abduction

On 01/10/06 at approximately 2000hrs, Meriden Police Department contacted Troop "A" in reference to armed abduction that occurred on Bunker Ave. Meriden, CT. Two male victims were walking along Bunker Ave. when a dark colored Cadillac bearing CT plates pulled up to them. Occupants of the vehicle brandished a shotgun and ordered the two males into the vehicle. A witness to the incident called 911 and followed the vehicle onto Rt691 west. A short distance later, the suspect vehicle pulled over and the two abducted subjects exited the vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued west and entered I84 West bound. Troop A broadcasted the information to the patrols. Tfc Cipriano #1383 located the suspect vehicle traveling westbound near X23 in Waterbury. Tfc Cipriano engaged the vehicle in pursuit onto Rt8 S/B. As they passed X30 occupants in the subject vehicle threw a shotgun out the window. (A 12 gauge shotgun was later recovered off the east shoulder of Rt8) Tfc Cipriano pursued the vehicle until it exited Rt8 at the X28 off ramp. The suspect vehicle lost control on the off ramp and spun out striking a metal guardrail. No injuries sustained in the collision. Three male subjects exited the suspect vehicle and fled on foot into a wooded area. Tfc Cipriano engaged the subjects in a foot chase apprehending two of the three. The third subject has been identified but not located (arrest warrant pending). Trooper 1, several State Police canines and a Naugatuck Canine team assisted in the search for the third subject. State Police, Naugatuck Police and Waterbury Police personnel also assisted at the scene. Meriden Police department responded to the scene for their investigation. Arrest warrants are pending from the Meriden Police Department for all involved subjects for the incident in their city.

Arrested:

William Sanchez DOB:01/03/86, 18 Summer St. Meriden, CT was charged with Reckless Driving, Engaging in Pursuit, Interfering with an officer, Reckless Endangerment and Weapons in Motor Vehicle he is being held on a \$75,000 bond.

Jesus Esteves DOB:10/11/81, 203 Alder Street, Waterbury, CT was charged with Interfering with an officer, Reckless Endangerment and Weapons in Motor Vehicle he is being held on a \$75,000 bond.

Both subjects are to appear in court today 01/11/2006 at G.A. 4 in Waterbury.

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