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Press Release

Plainfield Police make Arrests

Suspects apprehended in home invasion case

Plainfield, NJ September 16th, 2008:

Plainfield Mayor, Sharon Robinson-Briggs and Plainfield Police Director, Martin Hellwig heaped high praise upon the Police Division, for moving swiftly to apprehend suspects in the home invasion robbery of August 25th.

Director Hellwig credited members of the Plainfield Police Criminal Investigation Bureau as well as Plainfield Detective Frank Wilson and Scotch Plains Detective Sergeant Darnell Joyce for bringing the investigation to a successful conclusion.

On August 25th at 4:48 PM, Plainfield police responded to a call for help from a private home located in the 700 block of West 8th Street. During the call, the gentleman later identified as the homeowner, indicated that he was injured and required assistance. He further stated that his injuries had been caused by persons who were not known to him, but whom had entered his home forcibly. First aid was administered on site to the victim who is a senior citizen and he was transported to a local hospital by the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Plainfield Police immediately launched an intensive investigation which resulted in the arrests of all three suspects in this case. Arrested during the week of September 8th was Shevon Ricks, a twenty three (23) year old female from Camden, NJ. A fifteen (15) year old resident of Plainfield was apprehended last week and during the morning of Sunday, September 14th, Ronald Cherry age twenty two (22) who currently resides in Plainfield, was arrested by Officer Jerald Lee.

All three are charged with **kidnapping, burglary, aggravated assault and unlawful possession of weapons**. Ronald Cherry is facing additional charges of **aggravated assault**

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on a police officer and **resisting arrest** due to an encounter while he was being apprehended.

The fifteen year old juvenile is being held at the Union County Detention Center. Both adults are being held at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth on two hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$250,000) bond.

Mayor Robinson –Briggs said “Our Police division is to be commended for their investigative work and the swift action employed by them to bring this case to a close. I think this sends a strong message to would be criminals and vandals that this type of activity will not be tolerated in Plainfield. We will continue to allocate resources for, and offer support to our police division, so they can continue to be vigilant in our neighborhoods.”

All inquiries regarding this case should be addressed to the Department of Public Safety at (908) 753-3225