

Two New Jersey Men Arrested for Robbery of Marijuana



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Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Millsboro – The Delaware State Police have arrested a pair of New Jersey men and charged them with robbery after they beat up a Millsboro man and stole his marijuana.

The incident occurred around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday December 28, 2016 when the homeowner of a residence located in the 30000 block of Gull Point Road called 9-1-1 to report that a tenant was tied up in the garage. Upon troopers arrival, it was discovered that the 23-year-old male victim had been assaulted by two males that initially stopped by the house and asked to rake leaves. The two suspects, who had rakes in their hands,

were informed that their service was not needed. The victim and the two subjects began talking when one of the subjects struck him in the face with a rake, causing him to fall to the ground. The two then drug the victim to the garage where they zip tied his hands and feet together before one of the males put a knife to his neck demanding to know where his "weed" was located. Once the two obtained the marijuana, they fled the area in a black Mitsubishi Galant with New Jersey registration.

Information regarding the vehicle was broadcast over the radio and a trooper responding to the area spotted the vehicle and was able to perform a traffic stop on Oak Orchard Road. **Miguel R. Velasquez**, 20, and **Kent A. Mautes**, 21, both of Edison, New Jersey, were taken into custody without incident. A search of the vehicle yielded 301.2 grams of marijuana. They were transported back to Troop 4 in Georgetown where they was charged with Robbery 1st, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Assault 2nd, Burglary 2nd, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), Aggravated Menacing, Conspiracy 2nd, Terroristic Threatening, and Possession of Marijuana. The were both arraigned at JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$70,000.00 secured bond.

The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released.

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