

114th Precinct Blotter: Two Sought For Armed Robbery In 114th Precinct

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Two 18-year-old black males are sought by police in connection with an armed robbery last month. At about 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 20, 2007, the two, one of whom is five feet, eight inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, and the other, five feet, six inches tall, weighing 160 pounds and armed with a shotgun, entered 30-75 51st St., Astoria, went behind the bar and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register. The armed suspect then struck a 22-year-old male employee with the gun and both suspects fled. The employee was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call the Crimestoppers hotline at 800-577-TIPS.

114th Police Precinct Blotter Highlights Sunday, January 27:

- A 33-year-old white male was charged with assault after he punched a victim in the face multiple times at 29th Street and 23rd Avenue.

- A 37-year-old white male was charged with assault and leaving the scene of an accident after he was involved in a car accident at 29th Street and 23rd Avenue, punched the other motorist and then fled the scene.

- A 25-year-old white female was charged with assault after she grabbed, pushed and slapped a victim at 31-76 30th St.

- A 22-year-old male was observed at Broadway and 29th Street dealing marijuana and was found in possession of more marijuana. He was charged with criminal use of drug paraphernalia, criminal possession of marijuana, criminal sale of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana.

- A 23-year-old Hispanic male was observed urinating in public at Steinway Street and 34th Avenue and could not produce valid



Security camera surveillance photo shows one suspect, five feet, six inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, brandishing a shotgun during a robbery at 30-75 51st St., Astoria on Dec. 20, 2007.

identification. He was charged with urinating in public.

Saturday, January 26:

- A 34-year-old white male was charged with menacing after he threatened to hit a victim with a club he took from inside his vehicle. The incident took place at Newtown Road and 44th Street.

- A 43-year-old white male was charged with criminal mischief, assault, resisting arrest and harassment after he punched a victim in the head and then kicked another person's vehicle door, causing damage. The incident took place at 36-05 36th Ave.

- A 19-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of stolen property, false personation and disorderly conduct after he refused to disperse from 45-01 Northern Blvd. and was found in possession of a stolen ID.

- A 40-year-old white male was charged with criminal mischief after he broke a victim's window at 25-74 37th St.

Friday, January 25:

- A 17-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of a weapon after he had been disorderly at 12-21 31st Ave. and on further investigation, was found to be in possession of a box cutter.

- Two Hispanic females, both 13 years old, were charged with assault after they pushed a victim into a pole at Crescent Street and 36 Avenue.

- A 44-year-old white male was charged with harassment after he slapped a victim in the face at 23-22 28th St.

- A 34-year-old white female refused to pay cab fare after she had been driven to Broadway and 37th Street and was charged with theft of service.

- A 23-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of marijuana after he was found at Ditmars Boulevard and 45th Street in possession of marijuana.

Thursday, January 24:

- A 38-year-old Hispanic male was charged with aggravated harassment and petit larceny after he took a victim's passport and threatened the victim via text messaging. The incident took place at 26-18 18th St.

- Three Hispanic males, two 19 years old and one 20 years old were observed making graffiti on an underpass at 32nd Avenue and 62nd Street and were charged with making graffiti and possession of a graffiti instrument.

- An Indian female 28 years old, an Indian male 29 years old and three Hispanic males, 22, 24 and 30 years old were charged with criminal trespass after they were observed inside a closed New York City park at 28th Street and 37th Avenue.

Wednesday, January 23:

- A 32-year-old Hispanic male punched a victim in the eye at 32-23 37th Ave. and was charged with assault.

- A 36-year-old black male was charged with assault after he punched a victim several times about the body. The incident took place

at 12-14 27th Ave.

- A 16-year-old male made graffiti on a garage at 34-16 Astoria Blvd. and upon arrest, provided false identification information. He was charged with criminal mischief, making graffiti, possession of a graffiti instrument and false personation.

Tuesday, January 22:

- A 24-year-old Hispanic male was charged with assault and harassment after he punched a victim in the head at 32-61 32nd St.

- A 13-year-old Hispanic male was charged with assault and harassment after he struck a victim in the head with a school bag at 36-41 28th St.

- A 26-year-old white male was charged with theft of service after he was driven to 21st Street and 37th Avenue and refused to pay cab fare.

Monday, January 21:

- A 41-year-old Asian male was charged with assault and harassment after he struck a victim in the face with an ice scraper at 29th Street and 30th Avenue.

Immigration Probe Nets Feds Two Arrests

Federal agents arrested a 48-year-old immigration officer and an Astoria salon owner last week, charged with soliciting bribes in return for valid green cards, authorities said.

Jose Gomez, a district adjudication officer at the Garden City, Long Island office of Citizenship and Immigration Services and Farid Bouchaib were arrested at Gomez' East Elmhurst home following a two-year probe that revealed the pair accepted a \$12,000 bribe to expedite a green card, authorities said.

In a criminal complaint unsealed by the U.S. Attorney's Office, investigators allege Bouchaib, owner of Profile Unisex Hairstyling in Astoria, acted as an intermediary between Gomez and the victims.

The customer in the transaction was actually a federal informant, authorities said.

Gomez was released on \$150,000 bail and Bouchaib was released on a \$500,000 bond at hearings at Brooklyn Federal Court.

Authorities said federal prosecutors now have 30 days to indict the two men. Meanwhile, police at the 115th Precinct in Jackson Heights are ratcheting up efforts to find another man accused of soliciting payment to expedite his victims' immigration status.

Police said Guzman, 51, who is still at large, has allegedly approached people in Jackson Heights on at least two occasions, posing as an immigration officer. In both cases, Guzman offered to help speed the process in exchange for an undisclosed amount of cash. They said Guzman drives a 2000 red Ford Explorer with Connecticut license plates.

Anyone with information on Guzman's whereabouts is urged to call the Crimestoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS. —Liz Goff

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104th Precinct Jumper Critical

A woman who last week jumped in front of a Manhattan-bound J train at an elevated subway station in Woodhaven remains in critical condition, authorities said.

Transit Police officials said the woman, who is in her 20s, was spotted pacing back and forth on the J- and Z-train platform at the Woodhaven Boulevard station at about 9:30 a.m. on January 21. They alleged she took a running leap from the platform as the Manhattan-bound train pulled into the station.

She was alive and conscious when rescued by police and emergency crews who responded to the 911 calls made by other straphangers on the platform, according to the police.

The woman was taken to Jamaica Hospital Center, where she remains in critical condition. Police are still trying to determine why she jumped in front of the train.

107th Precinct

Reward For Assault-Killer Info

A 51-year-old Queens man died last week of

injuries he suffered on January 12 during a brutal assault on a Kew Gardens Hills street, police said.

The victim was punched in the head multiple times in the assault at 150th Street and Jewel Avenue. According to the police, he suffered additional head injuries when he fell to the ground during the beating. The man was taken to Queens Hospital Center, where he was placed on life support, but did not regain consciousness before he died on January 17.

Investigators have ruled the death a homicide and are asking anyone with information on the assailant to call the Crimestoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS. The Hotline is offering a \$2,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect.

108th Precinct

Kitty Caught In Vending Machine

Police in Long Island City who responded to 911 calls for help on January 22 found a stray cat stuck in a vending machine. Passersby called for help after they spotted the frantic feline inside the machine at 44th Street and Queens Boulevard.

Emergency service police, who arrived at the scene a short while later, were able to pull the ter-

rified kitty to safety, police said. The cat is listed in stable condition at a city veterinary clinic while investigators try to determine how it managed to crawl into the vending machine.

110th Precinct

Can't Bribe This Cop

A 44-year-old Ridgewood man arrested for a minor offense on January 22 landed himself behind bars after he tried to bribe a police sergeant, police said.

Police said Robert Kruger was arrested and brought to the 110th Precinct for processing on the minor offense at about 2 p.m. During processing, Kruger told a sergeant at the 43rd Avenue precinct he was going to file a civilian complaint against the arresting officer, claiming the cop stole \$20 from him.

He then offered the sergeant a way out for the police officer, saying he wouldn't file the false complaint if the sergeant gave him a desk appearance ticket instead of sending him through the system on the minor offense.

The sergeant alerted his supervisors and Kruger is now facing a misdemeanor charge of riding his bicycle into pedestrians on the sidewalk along with felony bribery charges, authorities said.