



Cortland Police Department



Press Release- Lieutenant David M. Guerrero 607-758-8307

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On June 29, 2010, at approximately 10:20 PM, Officers of the City of Cortland Police Department responded to a Charles Street address for a reported home invasion. A witness advised responding officers four (4) males had forcibly entered an apartment with a shotgun. Officers located the four (4) intruders, inside the residence, along with a 22 year old male resident, who had injuries consistent with being beaten, and two additional occupants of the apartment. A second victim, being a 14 year old male, was also identified at this time.

Investigation revealed the 14 year old male was walking on Elm Street, when he was approached by two males who exited a vehicle and forced him into the vehicle, that a third male was driving. The 14 year old was physically assaulted in the vehicle and robbed at gun point of \$70.00 cash and a cellphone. The 14 year old was then driven to a Euclid Avenue address, where one of the males exited the vehicle, entered the residence, and returned with a handgun, which was given to an occupant of a second vehicle. The 14 year old was then directed to reveal the address of a relative, who the males were looking for regarding a prior theft outside the city. The 14 year old directed the males to the address on Charles Street, where the three males from the vehicle took the 14 year old to the apartment door, accompanied by one of the males from the second vehicle, where they forced the 14 year old to knock and ask to be let in. Once the door was opened by the 22 year old resident, the four males pushed the 14 year old inside and forced their way into the apartment, where they physically assaulted the 22 year old resident, in the presence of two guests. While the assault was taking place, the 14 year old was able to flee the apartment and summon a neighbor for assistance.

Police searched the two involved vehicles, impounding one, a green 1998 Ford Mustang, which had been used to kidnap the 14 year old and contained ammunition for the shotgun. The shotgun used in connection with the incident was recovered inside the apartment. No handgun was located at the scene.

Arrested in connection with this incident were:

Jacob J. Empey 18 7 Elm Street, Cortland

Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree	Class B Felony
Burglary in the 1st Degree	Class B Felony
Robbery in the 2nd Degree	Class C Felony
Conspiracy in the 4th Degree	Class E Felony
Menacing in the 2nd Degree	Class A Misdemeanor.
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Criminal Possession of a Weapon	Class A Misdemeanor
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Endangering the Welfare of a Child	Class A Misdemeanor



Zachary P. Hostrup 22 6321 Academy Street, Truxton

Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree	Class B Felony
Burglary in the 1st Degree	Class B Felony
Conspiracy in the 4th Degree	Class E Felony
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	Class A Misdemeanor



Carlos R. Ferrer 20 23 Rickard Street, Cortland

Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree	Class B Felony
Burglary in the 1st Degree	Class B Felony
Conspiracy in the 4th Degree	Class E Felony
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	Class A Misdemeanor



Jeffrey R. Hartnett 22 3745 Prospect Street, Truxton

Burglary in the 1st Degree	Class B Felony
Conspiracy in the 4th Degree	Class E Felony



All four defendants were held for arraignment in Cortland City Court, where they were all remanded to Cortland County Jail: Empey: \$50,000 cash/\$100,000 bond; Hostrup: \$25,000 cash/\$50,000 bond; Ferrer: \$25,000 cash/\$50,000 bond; and Hartnett: \$10,000 cash/\$10,000 bond. All four are to reappear in Cortland City Court on July 2, 2010 at 9:30 AM.

The investigation is ongoing as police attempt to locate two (2) additional participants, who fled prior to patrols arriving. Police are requesting anyone who may have information concerning this incident to please contact Sgt. Patrick C. Sweeney at (607) 758-8308 or Lt. David M. Guerrera at (607) 758-8307