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Police Capture Two In Thwarted Burglary

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of two defendants in a botched daytime burglary in Birmingham Township, Chester County. Chester County Detectives and the Birmingham Township Police Department arrested Daniel Walston and Alexander Granger last night.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "When law-abiding citizens walk in on a burglary, it is extraordinarily dangerous. The criminals could resort to violence, as they did here. The citizens could kill the intruders. We were fortunate in this case that the victims escaped unharmed and law enforcement quickly captured these two criminals."

Walston is 17 years old. He resides at 209 Glenrose Road, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. He was defiant and uncooperative with the police. Due to the nature of the crimes, he is charged as an adult.

Granger is 18 years old. He resides at 1359 Fieldpoint Drive, Birmingham Township, Pennsylvania.

The facts alleged in the criminal complaints are as follows:¹

On Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at approximately 2:50 p.m., a mother and daughter were returning to their residence at 635 General Weedon Drive, Birmingham Township, Pennsylvania. When the two women entered their home, they were confronted by the two defendants. The two defendants had handkerchiefs over their faces and were pointing guns at the women.

One of the women broke free, ran outside, and called 911. The two defendants fled from the house and disappeared before police arrived.

The victims checked the house with police and discovered that the defendants had stolen items from the house, including two .357 magnum handguns, electronic equipment, jewelry, coins, and a trashcan. The police also discovered a damaged first floor window that appeared to be the point of entry for the defendants.

Chester County Detectives, Birmingham Township police officers, and members of the Chester County Sheriff's Office began to search the area. During that search, the police located the defendants at 1359 Fieldpoint Drive, a residence that is only 150 yards from the burglarized home. The homeowner at 1359 Fieldpoint Drive, the mother of defendant Granger, granted permission to search the residence.

Police located in the basement the .357 magnum revolvers, electronics, a checkbook of one of the victims, and other items stolen from the victims. Defendant Walston had a watch belonging to one of the victims in his pocket. Police found two pairs of latex gloves with the stolen items. Police also recovered the missing trashcan, which the defendants had used to transport the stolen goods.

The defendants have been charged with robbery, burglary, conspiracy, and related charges. They were arraigned and committed to Chester County Prison after failing to post \$75,000 cash bail.

District Attorney Hogan added, "The citizens of Chester County have a right to be safe and secure in their homes. The police did an excellent job taking these

¹ A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

two thugs off the streets. We will not permit this type of conduct in Chester County.”

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Approved for release:

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