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Quick Responses by Cambridge Police Net 5 Street Robbery Arrests in 3 Days

June 21, 2011 – As predicted in the April release of [BridgeStat](#), and sent to residents via a [community alert](#), communities often experience an uptick in the amount of street robberies that occur as people venture outside to enjoy the warm weather. While not part of an increase in street robberies over comparable timeframes from past years, Cambridge Police made arrests in three separate street robberies that occurred over a three-day period between June 16th and 18th.

While deployed as part of the extra resources dedicated to ensuring public safety after the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Finals Game 7 on June 16th, police arrested Nkosi Newton, 28, of 31 Walnut Street in Somerville, Alexander Reynolds, 24, of 11 Gale Road in Belmont, and Robert Bonds, 31, of 812 Memorial Drive in Cambridge for Unarmed Robbery after officers observed them assaulting and kicking a victim at a bus stop located at the corner of Green Street and Magazine Street at approximately 1AM. The victim reported that he was walking in the area of Green Street and Magazine Street when he was approached by three males who began punching and kicking him for no reason. After the victim fell to the ground, the suspects went through his pockets taking more than \$600.00 in cash from his wallet.

On June 17th, Cambridge Police detectives arrested Nathaniel Pellegrini, 21, of 40 Savin Avenue in Norwood for an Armed Robbery that occurred during the early morning on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue at Cambridge Street. Pellegrini, along with another male suspect, allegedly robbed a Cambridge resident at gun point, stealing the victim's sneakers, backpack, cell phone, iPod, and other items. Pellegrini was located by detectives at his residence in Norwood at approximately 8PM and arrested.

Timothy David Gayhart, 24, of 230 Waldamar Ave in Boston was apprehended by police after he allegedly robbed a female victim in an alley near JFK Street and fled at approximately 5AM on June 18th. Shortly thereafter, a description of the suspect was broadcast to units in the area and a police sergeant on her way to work located the suspect who, after initially fleeing, was chased down by other responding officers and arrested.

“I am very proud of the quick thinking and professional work of our officers and detectives,” said Cambridge Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas, “Robberies like this are traumatic experiences for the victims, and I hope these swift arrests have brought some closure to those who were affected.”

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According to the 2010 Annual Crime Report recently released by the Cambridge Police Department, the crime of street robbery decreased by 7% in 2010 from the prior year and 3% from the 5 year average. The full annual report can be accessed [here](#).

As always, Cambridge Police would like to remind residents to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime by taking the following precautions when walking at night:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and trust your instincts.
- Always walk with a friend or in a group when possible.
- Do not wear earbuds, headphones, or listen to music while walking alone.
- If approached, DO NOT RESIST, especially if you know or believe the robber to be armed.

More safety tips are available on the Cambridge Police Department website at http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/street%20saftety.pdf.

If you spot a crime or suspicious activity, anonymous tips may be sent to Cambridge Police via text message by sending a text to Tip411 (847411). Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. If you witness a crime in progress, *please call 9-1-1 immediately*.

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