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## ***Connecticut State Police, Eastern District Major Crime Unit, Make Three arrests for Kidnapping/Robbery Incident in Ledyard***

On 09-13-05 at approximately 11:03 P.M., State Police Troop E received an emergency 911 call from a victim who reported that he had been abducted from the Hinny Penny Convenience store located on Rt. 12 in Ledyard where he had been closing the business. The victim stated he had been taken to a residence on Rt. 12 in Ledyard by a person known to him. Once at that location the victim was not allowed to leave and two additional accused entered the victim's car. The victim was then forced at gunpoint to drive around the area. The three accused individuals demanded money from the victim while threatening him with a firearm. The firearm was discharged inside the victim's vehicle where it lodged in the floorboard. No persons were injured as a result of this discharge. No currency was obtained from the victim, however several personal items belonging to the victim were taken during the commission of this robbery. The victim was eventually released and he was able to contact the Connecticut State Police- Troop E.

Detectives from the Eastern District Major Crime Unit along with members of the Ledyard Resident Trooper's Office responded to this incident. Investigation revealed the identities of all three accused persons, including the address in Ledyard where this incident had taken place. All three accused were located a short time later at the Branford Manor Apartment Complex in Groton. All three were taken into custody without further incident. An investigator from the Ledyard Police assisting in this investigation located the firearm that was used in this incident. Also assisting in this investigation was the Ledyard Resident Trooper, Ledyard Resident Trooper's Office Detective Unit, Ledyard Resident Trooper's Office K-9 Unit and the Groton City Police Department.

**ARRESTED:** Michael EDWARDS Age: 19, 65 Nathan Rd., Groton City, CT  
Christopher POLEN Age: 20, 137 Mather Ave., Groton City, CT  
Manny DeLAURA Jr., Age: 21, 45 Forrest St., Groton, CT

**CHARGES:** Kidnapping in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree w/ a Firearm  
Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
In addition to these charges, EDWARDS is also charged with the following:  
Criminal Use of a Firearm  
Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm  
Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Criminal Impersonation

The victim received no injuries during this incident and this case remains under investigation by EDMC.

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