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ARMED ROBBERY ARREST

AUBURN, ME – On February 24 at 12:20AM, Auburn Police received a call from a male and female reporting that they had just been robbed at gunpoint while parked in the lot at 730 Center Street. It was further reported that they had fired their own weapon at the perpetrators.

While police were responding to the callers' location, a second call was received advising there was a gunshot victim in the parking lot at 730 Center Street.

Upon arrival at 730 Center Street, officers found a 19-year-old male lying on the ground, bleeding, with a single gunshot wound to his chest. Another male, William Beasley, 18, of Auburn, was with him attempting to provide first aid. Officers rendered first aid until the Auburn Fire Department arrived to transport the male to the hospital.

The investigation determined that the victims had arrived in the parking lot in separate vehicles, had gotten into one vehicle and were talking together after work. A short while later, William Beasley and a male accomplice approached the victims, brandished a firearm that the victims believed was a revolver and demanded their money and cell phones. The male victim told the perpetrators that he needed to retrieve the property from his vehicle. As he went to his vehicle, he was able to retrieve his own 9mm handgun. The male victim then fired several shots at the suspects causing them to flee. One of the shots struck Beasley's accomplice. Both victims then fled the scene, calling the police for assistance as they did.

While this investigation is ongoing and more charges are expected, Auburn Police have arrested William Beasley (11-01-2001). Beasley has been charged with one count of Robbery Class B. His bail has been set at \$25,000 cash. The weapon used in the robbery by Beasley and his accomplice has been determined to be a BB gun, designed to look like a revolver. The male who was shot during this incident remains at Central Maine Medical Center in critical condition. Auburn Police are being assisted by the Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit.