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ARRESTS MADE IN AUBURN MALL PURSE SNATCHING

Auburn Police have arrested 22y/o Mark Sinclair, a transient from Peru and a 17y/o male juvenile from Auburn in connection with the purse snatching that occurred at the Auburn Mall on 02/21/16.

Both subjects were riding around in a vehicle stolen from Lewiston when Sinclair jumped from the vehicle and knocked the 16y/o victim to the ground and took her purse. That stolen vehicle was later recovered in Lewiston by Lewiston Police.

Yesterday, Lewiston Police stopped a vehicle occupied by both subjects and determined that vehicle was stolen as well. Noticing that both subjects matched the suspect description from the Auburn Mall incident, Auburn Detective Eric Bell was requested to respond.

During the course of the investigation, Detective Bell developed probable cause to arrest Sinclair on one count of Robbery (Class A felony) and Violation of Conditions of Release (Class C Felony). Sinclair was currently out on bail for a previous theft charge. Detective Bell arrested the 17y/o juvenile and charged him with Criminal Conspiracy to commit Robbery (Class B Felony).

Sinclair is currently being held without bail at the Androscoggin County Jail. The 17y/o juvenile is currently being held at the Long Creek Juvenile Detention Center pending a court appearance later this week.



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