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PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets

From: Detective Gordon D. Wentworth, Jr.

RE: Craigslist Armed Robbery – ARRESTS MADE

Date: January 24, 2012

On 01/13/12 at approximately 1958 hrs Webster Police were dispatched to the McDonald's Restaurant on E. Main St. for a reported armed robbery that had occurred in the parking lot area. Upon arrival, Officers determined that the victims in the case had been attempting to sell a diamond engagement ring on the Craigslist website. The couple was contacted earlier in the day and agreed to meet the potential buyer at McDonald's in Webster. Upon their arrival, the couple met with the potential buyer and an accomplice. The potential buyer then pulled out a hand-gun and demanded the ring. The two male parties then fled the area on foot.

After a lengthy investigation, Webster Police identified and arrested Salvatore Albanese, 22 formerly of 42 Prospect St., Webster and Trent Nicholopoulos 22 of 38 Prospect St. Webster for the robbery. Albanese had been identified early in the investigation and warrants were issued for his arrest. He was arrested on January 21st, 2012 and is being held at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction. Nicholopoulos was arrested on January 23rd, 2012 and was held on bail at the Webster Police station. During interviews, both men admitted to having some involvement with the robbery. During the investigation Webster Police were able to recover an unrelated stolen firearm. That firearm had been stolen from the Town of Uxbridge and was subsequently recovered as the result of search warrants issued in this case.

Albanese has been charged with two (2) counts of Armed Robbery, while Nicholopoulos was charged with two (2) counts of Armed Robbery, one (1) count of Possession of a Firearm without an FID Card, one (1) count of Improper Possession of Ammunition, and one (1) count of Receiving Stolen Property over \$250.00. Officers Steven Cacciapouti, James Young, Jr., Michael Reardon, and Michael Lee, as well as Detectives James Hoover and Gordon Wentworth assisted in the investigation.

The stolen Diamond Engagement ring has yet to be recovered and anyone with information regarding the case is encouraged to contact Webster Police at 508-943-1212 or the Webster Police Detective Bureau tips line at 508-949-3874. Anonymous tips are welcome. Webster Detectives may also be contacted anonymously by texting "WPD01570" to 847411. Anonymous tips may also be forwarded through our website www.websterpolice.com.