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Bond Set at \$1 Million for each of three men accused of Armed Robbery

WHEATON - DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin and Downers Grove Chief of Police Robert Porter announced today that bond has been set for three men accused of stealing merchandise from a Downers Grove Radio Shack. The three men, Carlos Brown, 20 (d.o.b. 1/7/1993) of 6311 Wells Street, Downers Grove, BL Jones, 19 (d.o.b. 8/10/1994) of 1415 N. Latrobe, Chicago and Brandon Jones, 19 (d.o.b. 1/2/1994) of 2632 Forest Drive, Woodridge, appeared in Bond Court this morning where Judge Elizabeth Sexton set bond at \$1 million with 10% to apply for each of the men. All three men have been charged with two counts of Armed Robbery, a Class X Felony. Because the crime was allegedly committed with a firearm, all three men are eligible for a fifteen year extended-term add on.

It is alleged that on Wednesday, December 11 at approximately 10:45 a.m., Brandon Jones and Brown entered the Radio Shack, located at 75th Street and Lemont Road, while BL Jones remained in their vehicle. Once inside the store, it is alleged that Brandon Jones then pulled out a loaded gun and pointed it at the store clerk. It is further alleged that the men forced the clerk at gunpoint to open a cage containing cellular telephones. It is alleged that the two men then took approximately fifteen cellular phones and left the store. The two men allegedly then got into the vehicle in which BL Jones was waiting and drove away. Through the help of witnesses, Downers Grove police officers were able to spot the vehicle on the road. After a chase, police officers were able to stop the vehicle on Route 59 near Ferry Road. It is alleged that once stopped, Brandon Jones and Brown fled the vehicle while BL Jones remained and was taken into custody. After a brief foot chase, Brandon Jones and Brown were also taken into custody.

"The allegations against these three men are outrageous," Berlin said. "This type of brazen criminal behavior will not be tolerated in DuPage County and will be met with the full force of the law. I would like to thank all of the agencies involved in this case, particularly Officer Jim Minett of the Downers Grove Police Department, for their outstanding cooperative efforts in apprehending these three men. I would also like to thank Assistant State's Attorney Romas Mockaitis for his extended efforts on this case these past few days."

"I am extremely proud of the phenomenal team work exhibited by the members of our Police Department on all levels," Porter said. "This was an extremely dangerous situation that resulted in the successful apprehension of three extremely dangerous subjects. I would also like to thank the States Attorney's Office and the various agencies that assisted."

The next court date for Brown and BL Jones is scheduled for December 23. Brandon Jones' next court appearance is scheduled for December 31.

Members of the public are reminded that this complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the defendants' guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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