Police Bust “Smash & Grab” Burglary Ring

Earlier this morning at approximately 3:00 am, New Brunswick Police detectives, along with detectives from the North Brunswick Police Department arrested eleven (11) individuals in connection with a series of “smash and grab” commercial burglaries. In each instance several suspects would approach the glass door or window of a convenience store and throw a large object, usually a brick or cinder block through the window allowing access to the store. The suspects would then enter the store and quickly steal the scratch-off lottery tickets and in some instances cigarettes.

New Brunswick detectives have tied the suspects to four (4) burglaries in New Brunswick. The burglaries occurred at:

- Ultra Care Pharmacy (272 George Street) on January 16, 2015
- Krauszers (50 Bayard Street) on January 24, 2015
- Ultra Care Pharmacy (272 George Street) on February 5, 2015
- Reyes Grocery (35 Elizabeth Street) on February 8, 2015

The suspects are also believed to be involved in similar incidents in North Brunswick, Piscataway, Bound Brook, and Franklin Township. New Brunswick Police detectives are working with investigators from those municipalities along with the NJ Lottery Commission in linking those crimes.

This morning’s arrests occurred at 73 Throop Avenue (New Brunswick). Proceeds of the burglaries including: scratch-off lottery tickets, display cases and cigarettes, in addition to cash and narcotics were recovered at the house.

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Arrested were:

- **Tredell Barnes** (40 year old male from New Brunswick), charged with:
  - Theft – 7 counts
  - Burglary – 4 counts
  - Criminal Mischief – 4 counts
  - Conspiracy to Commit Burglary – 3 counts
  - Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 2 counts
  - Receiving Stolen Property – 2 counts
  - Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

- **Jessica Romero** (36 year old female from New Brunswick) charged with:
  - Theft – 3 counts
  - Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 2 counts
  - Receiving Stolen Property – 2 counts
  - Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

- **Peter Small** (41 year old male from New Brunswick) charged with:
  - Theft – 1 count
  - Burglary – 1 count
  - Conspiracy to Commit Burglary – 1 count
  - Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
  - Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
  - Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  - Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

- **Michelle Summers** (50 year old female from New Brunswick) charged with:
  - Theft – 2 counts
  - Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 2 counts

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Brian Beckett (30 year old male from Monmouth Junction) charged with:
Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

Tina Martinez (38 year old female from New Brunswick) charged with:
Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

Ricky Richardson (55 year old male from New Brunswick) charged with:
Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

Pamela Kuzniar (27 year old female from Franklin Park) charged with:
Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

Quyteasea Pryor (39 year old female from Middlesex Borough) charged with:
Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count

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Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
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• Kevin Summers (49 year old male from New Brunswick) charged with:
  Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
  Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
  Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
  Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

• Chieta Hodges (26 year old female from New Brunswick) charged with:
  Receiving Stolen Property – 1 count
  Conspiracy to Commit Theft – 1 count
  Possession of CDS Heroin – 1 count
  Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  Conspiracy to Distribute, CDS Heroin – 1 count
  Possession with the Intent to Distribute within a School Zone, CDS Heroin – 1 count

This investigation is ongoing and additional complaints are expected in the future. Anyone who may have information regarding these incidents is asked to contact Detective Brandon Epstein at (732) 745-5217.

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