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Two Arrested for Double Shooting

On Tuesday afternoon New Brunswick Police detectives, along with officers from the Egg Harbor Police Department and investigators from the Middlesex and Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office arrested Darnell Lewis Jr. and Christopher Gist in connection with a double shooting which occurred in New Brunswick that same morning.

At approximately 4:00am on Tuesday, June 12th, two gunshot victims were driven to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital by a known acquaintance. The victims identified as Jaylen Martinez (19-year-old male from New York, NY) and Miguel Puello (21-year-old male from New York, NY) were both treated at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for serious but non-life threatening injuries. Jaylen Martinez was shot through the chest and Miguel Puello was shot in the hip.

The preliminary investigation by New Brunswick Police detectives suggests that a drug deal went bad in the 1100 block of Somerset Street, resulting in the shooting. Two suspects were identified and tracked to Egg Harbor in Atlantic County. Darnell Lewis Jr. (19-year-old male from Egg Harbor, NJ) was arrested without incident on Kurtz Lane in Egg Harbor. Christopher Gist (18-year-old male from Egg Harbor, NJ) was arrested without incident on Tremont Avenue in Egg Harbor. Both suspects are charged with Attempted Murder, Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun and Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose.

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