



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP ABDUCTION

Sycamore Township, November 17, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports on November 17, 2017 at 2:43 pm, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 5700 block of Kugler Mill Road for the report of a male abducted .

Upon arrival, Deputies learned that friends and family of Bowen Zheng, male Asian, age 24 was taken by force from the parking lot of his apartment. Witnesses reported that two male blacks wearing all dark clothing took Zheng and his red Ford Mustang from the parking lot. One of the males had knocked on the apartment door and told Zheng his car was parked illegally. When Zheng went out to the parking lot, he was abducted by the men at gunpoint.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigative Section and Regional Narcotics Unit responded and began to conduct an investigation. Friends and family members of Zheng received numerous demands for money or drugs from the abductors. Detectives were able to track the location of Zheng to the 3300 block of Wunder Ave in the Westwood neighborhood of Cincinnati. The Sheriff's Special Response Team located Zheng's vehicle in the apartment complex parking lot at approximately 11:30pm. The Special Response Team found Zheng who was duct taped and had his head covered with a hood in the back seat of his stolen car. The driver and passenger of the stolen vehicle were taken into custody and positively identified as the abductors.

Arrested in this offense were the following:

Suspect 1: Nathaniel Potter, male black age 26, home address of 3359 Wunder Ave Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Suspect # 2: Roman Potter, male black age 23, home address of 3419 Trimble Ave Cincinnati, Ohio 45207.

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Both Roman and Nathaniel Potter are charged with the following:
Kidnapping (F-1), Abduction (F-3), Aggravated Robbery (F-1) and Extortion (F-3).

Zheng was not seriously injured in this offense and the evidence indicates that this was not a random act of violence, rather Zheng was specifically targeted by these individuals.

This investigation continues and anyone with information is asked to contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section at (513) 851-6000 or Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040.