



PRESS RELEASE

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At approximately 8:54 am on Sunday morning, Deputies from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office responded to reported Domestic Disturbance at 270 Mayo Road in Gray.

The subsequent investigation that ensued, determined that the original report of a Domestic was false and actually two males broke into an apartment (Duplex) at the above address. Present at the residence were three adults (two males and 1 female) along with two juveniles (4 months and 3 years). One of two males that broke in was armed with a handgun and the two males "pistol whipped" one of the adult males victims until he was unconscious and then attempted to throw him out a second story window.

The two males were stopped on Rt. 100 by Deputies and taken into custody:

1. Jeffrey Andrus Fowler, 49 years old, of 781 Kansas Rd. Bridgton.
2. Dale Leon Morton, 44 years old, of 51 New Colonial Dr. Bridgton.

Both have been charged with the following crimes:

1. Attempted Murder, Class A Crime.
2. Elevated Aggravated Assault, Class A Crime.
3. Burglary, Class B Crime.
4. Criminal Threatening with a Dangerous Weapon, Class C Crime.

5. Felony Theft, Class C Crime.
6. Possession of Firearm by a Felon, Class C Crime.
7. Robbery, Class B Crime.
8. Possession of a Schedule W Drug, Class C Felony. (***Fowler only***).

Both Morton and Fowler are being held at the CCJ on \$500,000 Single Surety or \$250,000 Cash Bail. If they cannot post Bail they will be arraigned in Portland Superior Court on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

The on-call ADA of Cumberland County has been notified and briefed of the incident.

A booking photo can be obtained from the intake staff at the jail (ext. 2139). If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Captain Don Goulet at 774-1444 ext. 2110.

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Captain Goulet
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