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ARMED ROBBERY TRIO CAPTURED

New Bedford, Massachusetts – Just after midnight on Tuesday, December 5, 2007, New Bedford Police Major Crimes Detective Andrew Simmons arrested **Jonathan O'BERG** (6-7-1987) of Edmonton, Kentucky; **Joshua DASILVA** (2/25/1989); and **Adam SIMMONS** (4/8/1989), both of New Bedford, and charged them with (5) armed robberies committed in New Bedford. Based on Detective Simmons' investigation, the defendants were also charged with (2) armed robberies committed in the neighboring town of Dartmouth by the Dartmouth Police Department.

During a 2 ½ week period from November 16, 2007 through December 2, 2007, **O'BERG, DASILVA, and SIMMONS** robbed the following businesses:

11/16/2007	Walgreen's Pharmacy	1737 Acushnet Avenue	CR# 2007-21432
11/17/2007	Gamestop	Dartmouth Towne Center	See Dartmouth PD report
11/21/2007	Hi Lo Gas Station	2790 Acushnet Avenue	CR# 2007-21740
11/23/2007	Silva's Liquors	454 Mt Pleasant St	CR# 2007-21850
11/26/2007	Gamestop	Dartmouth Towne Center	See Dartmouth PD report
11/30/2007	Quick Stop Variety	2344 Acushnet Avenue	CR# 2007-22276
12/2/2007	Domino's Pizza	109 Rockdale Avenue	CR# 2007-22412

New Bedford Police Major Crimes Detective Andrew Simmons was able to determine that the three defendants conspired to rob the various businesses, all playing a different role at one time or another. As soon as he had developed probable cause to link **O'BERG, DASILVA** and **SIMMONS** to the above crimes, Detective Simmons along with assisting detectives from the New Bedford Police Major Crimes Unit went on a manhunt for the three defendants Tuesday night and captured all of them just before midnight.

In addition to arresting the three defendants, Detective Simmons gathered even more evidence against them including: statements; clothing; and even some of the knives used by them in the robberies. After interviewing the (3) defendants, Detective Simmons charged them as follows:

Jonathan O'BERG (DOB: 6/7/1987)

- 1) Armed Robbery While Masked (5 counts)
- 2) Confining / Placing In Fear For The Purpose Of Stealing (6 counts)

** Dartmouth Police charged (2) more counts of EACH OFFENSE*

Joshua DASILVA (DOB: 2/25/1989)

- 1) Armed Robbery While Masked (4 counts)
- 2) Placing In Fear For The Purpose Of Stealing (4 counts)

**** Dartmouth Police charged (2) more counts of EACH OFFENSE***

Adam SIMMONS (DOB: 4/8/1989)

- 1) Armed Robbery While Masked (3 counts)
- 2) Placing In Fear For The Purpose Of Stealing (3 counts)

O'BERG, DASILVA and SIMMONS were arraigned today in New Bedford 3rd District Court and were ordered held on bail as follows:

O'BERG: \$50,000 per robbery x (7) robberies = \$350,000 CASH BAIL

DASILVA: \$25,000 per robbery x (6) robberies = \$150,000 CASH BAIL

SIMMONS: \$25,000 per robbery x (3) robberies = \$75,000 CASH BAIL

The outstanding work by New Bedford Police Major Crimes Detective Andrew Simmons and his colleagues resulted in (3) very dangerous alleged criminals being taken off the streets of the Greater New Bedford Area and marks the end of their three-man, armed crime.

The New Bedford Police Department is continuing to investigate other robberies to determine what if any knowledge and/or involvement these defendants may have had. As always, the New Bedford Police Department asks anyone with any information regarding any past crime to call the **Anonymous Crime Tip Line** at 508.961.4584.



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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: **182174**

Name: **DASILVA, JOSHUA J**



Photo Date: 12/4/2007

Race: **WHITE**

DOB: **02/25/1989**

Age: **18**

Sex: **MALE**

Eyes:

Hair: **BROWN**

Height: **71 INCHES**

Weight: **240 LBS**

Last known Address: **32 TEMPLETON ST**

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Parole or Probation?:





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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: **267482**

Name: **OBERG, JONATHAN M**



Photo Date: 12/5/2007

Race: **WHITE**
DOB: **06/07/1987**
Age: **20**
Sex: **MALE**
Eyes: **BLUE**
Hair: **BLONDE**
Height: **71 INCHES**
Weight: **175 LBS**



Last known Address: **412 S MAIN ST**

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Parole or Probation?:





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PERSONS FILE Number: **216151**

Name: **SIMMONS, ADAM J**



Photo Date: 12/5/2007

Race: **WHITE**
DOB: **04/08/1989**
Age: **18**
Sex: **MALE**
Eyes: **BROWN**
Hair: **BLACK**
Height: **60 INCHES**
Weight: **130 LBS**



Last known Address: **3 FIELDING ST**

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