



Auburn Hills Police Department Troy Police Department Media Release

Auburn Hills, MI – On August 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., Officers from the Auburn Hills Police Department were dispatched to the MJ Diamonds store inside the Great Lakes Crossing Outlets at 4000 Baldwin Road for a 911 call reporting two males wearing surgical masks used hammers to smash jewelry displays, steal jewelry and pepper sprayed employees. After stealing the jewelry, they fled on foot toward the freeway.

Upon arrival, Officers could not locate the suspects but began to investigate and aid the three employees who had been pepper sprayed. The initial investigation revealed a black Kia Soul as a possible suspect vehicle that fled the area. Investigators eventually positively identified the suspect vehicle as being owned by Mr. Aguilar-Mondaca. Further investigation revealed the vehicle and the suspects had been at the Great Lakes Crossing Outlets just two days prior.

Due to the violent nature of the robbery, the case was turned over to our partners with the FBI's Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force.

Troy, MI – On August 24, 2023, at 5:42 p.m., members of the FBI Oakland County Gang and Violent Crime Task Force were conducting surveillance in the area of the Oakland Mall in an attempt to locate a vehicle associated with the robbery in Auburn Hills.

Surveillance observed three subjects, all wearing masks, entering Macy's at Oakland Mall. The vehicle they arrived in, a black Kia Soul, left the parking lot and entered onto I-75 North. The vehicle then turned on its hazard lights and parked on the shoulder, directly across the parking lot from the Macy's store entrance.

The three subjects who entered Macy's proceeded directly to the jewelry counter, sprayed employees with pepper spray, and then used hammers to break display case glass. After stealing the jewelry, they exited the store, ran across the parking lot, and jumped the freeway fence into their awaiting vehicle parked on the shoulder.

Members of the FBI Oakland County Gang and Violent Task Force moved into position ahead of the attempted escape and, in conjunction with officers from the Troy Police Department, were able to stop the suspect vehicle and arrest all four subjects without further incident. The stolen jewelry was recovered along with cash and other evidence, connecting them with the previous robbery that occurred at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets.

On August 26, 2023, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges as follows:

Hernan Parraquez-Mondaca – 5 counts of Armed Robbery, 5 counts of Felonious Assault, 2 counts of Malicious Destruction of Property.

Michael Aguilar-Mondaca – 5 counts of Armed Robbery, 5 counts of Felonious Assault, 2 counts of Malicious Destruction of Property.

Sandrino Rojas-Palma – 5 counts of Armed Robbery, 5 counts of Felonious Assault, 2 counts of Malicious Destruction of Property.



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Nicholas Caceres-Henriquez – 2 counts of Armed Robbery, 2 counts of Felonious Assault, 1 counts of Malicious Destruction of Property.

Each count of Armed Robbery is a felony and carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Each count of Felonious Assault is a felony and carries the maximum penalty of 4 years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine. Each count of Malicious Destruction of Property is a felony and carries the maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and/or a fine of \$10,000 or three times the value of damaged property.

On August 26, 2023, a member of the FBI's Oakland County Gang and Violent Crime Task Force swore to the warrants and set a time and date for arraignment to take place the next day.

On August 27, 2023, Mr. Parraquez-Mondaca, Michael Aguilar-Mondaca, Sandrino Rojas-Palma, and Nicholas Caceres-Henriquez were arraigned in front of Magistrate Lewis Langham at the 52-1 District Court in connection with two smash and grab robberies, one at the Macy's store in the Oakland Mall and MJ Diamonds in the Great Lakes Crossing Outlets. Magistrate Langham denied bond on all charges for all subjects. A preliminary exam is scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 9 a.m. in front of Judge Maureen McGinnis.

Chief Frank Nastasi of the Troy Police Department joins Chief Ryan Gagnon of Auburn Hills in recognizing the excellent police work done to arrest these brazen criminals. *"We are thankful for our law enforcement partners in Auburn Hills and the work being done by the FBI Gang and Violent Crime Task Force and their help with this arrest."*

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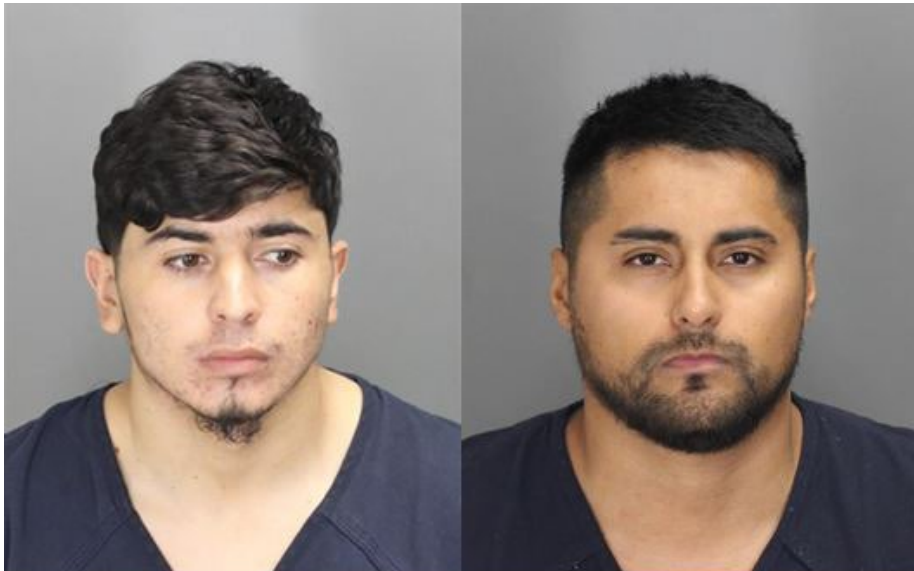
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Subjects Charged and Arraigned for Armed Robbery, Felonious Assault, and Malicious Destruction of Property



Hernan Parraquez-Mondaca

Michael Aguilar-Mondaca



Sandrino Rojas-Palma

Nicholas Caceres-Henriquez