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Cops: Two Arrested as They Try to Turn Scooters into Loot at Train Station

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Darien police say they caught a Stamford man and a Norwalk man trying to steal a motor scooter from Darien Railroad Station, and police say they have surveillance video of the men stealing a scooter on Sept. 2.

Police [gave this account](#) (accusations not proven in court) of the matter:

At about 11:30 a.m., police were told two suspicious men were near scooters parked at the Darien Railroad

Station. Police arriving on the scene saw them standing between two parked scooters and they appeared to be tampering with one of them.

Noroton Heights Railroad Station, Wednesday, Sept. 2

Several officers recognized the men from surveillance video at the Noroton Heights Railroad Station on Wednesday, Sept. 2 with a 2009 Yamaha scooter.

The owner of the scooter said he parked it on the southbound side (that is, the north side) of the station at 6:30 a.m., locking it under the stairs, then returned at 10:30 p.m. to find it gone. The victim still had the keys.

Police reviewed surveillance video records showing two suspects, and police are exploring a connection with many other thefts at the town's two train stations. This year, there have been close to a dozen scooter thefts in town, most of them from the Noroton Heights station.

Darien Railroad Station, Tuesday, Sept. 8

On Tuesday at the Darien Railroad Station, the two men had with them bolt cutters, many screwdrivers, socket wrenches and a folding knife.

Police arrested Maurice Williams, 22, of Stillwater Avenue in Stamford and Michael Johnson, 21, of Soundview Avenue in Norwalk.

Each was charged with criminal attempt to commit third-degree larceny, conspiracy to commit third-degree larceny and illegal possession of burglar tools.

Williams was held on \$15,000 bond and Johnson on \$20,000 bond, and each is scheduled to appear Wednesday in state Superior Court in Stamford.

"Both men have extensive criminal histories including weapons charges, robbery, narcotics charges, and vehicle thefts," Darien police said in a statement Tuesday. "This investigation remains active and investigators are exploring possible connections to other incidents as well."

See also, [Darienite.com previous coverage of scooter thefts in town:](#)

- July 14: [Scooter Stolen from Noroton Heights Train Station](#)
- July 14: [How to Avoid Losing Your Scooter to a Thief: Darien Police Tips](#)
- Aug. 4: [New Development in Scooter Thefts from Station & Another One Stolen](#)

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