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## **Police: Three Motor Scooter Thieves Arrested Wednesday Afternoon at Darien Railroad Station**

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Darien police arrested three men who police say were stealing motor scooters from Darien Railroad Station on Wednesday afternoon after police were tipped off by a call at 2:49 p.m.

The police announcement about the arrests, sent by Detective James Palmieri, provided no information about evidence other than from the caller and a statement from one of the men.

Police gave this account of the matter, including accusations not proven in court:

The caller told police that three males were trying to steal motor scooters, attempting to force the scooters off of the rack where they were parked. The caller said the men were walking them down the sidewalk, apparently because they didn't have keys to start them.

A description of the three men and the clothing they were wearing went out to police officers. When a police patrol car approached the area, one of the men, Tyler Barnett, saw the car and ran off. An officer took him into custody on a train platform.

At first, Barnett told officers his name was "Tyler Alexander" but later he was identified correctly (police didn't say how).

The other two suspects were taken in by an off-duty officer who was working a police detail at a third-party construction site nearby. Those two suspects, found near the scooter parking area, were Jeffery Pierre and Anjel Rodriguez.

Rodriguez told officers that the other two were "taking scooters" but that he hadn't participated in the thefts.

#### **Arrests and Charges**

All three men were arrested. Each made bond and is scheduled to appear Aug. 21 in state Superior Court in Stamford on these charges:

Tyler Barnett, 19, the youngest of the three, of Mencil Circle in Bridgeport (arrested on a station platform), was charged with conspiracy to commit third-degree larceny, attempt to commit third-degree larceny and interfering with a police investigation. He was released at 8 p.m. on a \$1,000 bond.

Anjel Rodriguez, 20, of Greenwich Avenue in Stamford (who told police he wasn't involved), was charged with third-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit third-degree larceny. He was released at 8 p.m. on a \$5,000 bond.

Jeffery Pierre, 19, of "Greenwood Heights" in Stamford, according to the police announcement.

That location couldn't be found on the Internet, although there is a "Greenwood Hill Street" on the West Side of Stamford.

Arrested near the bike racks at the station, Pierre was charged with third-degree larceny, attempt to commit third-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit third-degree larceny.

At 9:30 p.m., he was released on \$500 bond.

#### **A Note About Officers at Roadway Construction Sites**

*The announcement about the arrests also said:*

"Note: Officers working for private contractors, often times road construction (officer is being paid by the

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private company), are able to respond to incidents to provide assistance and are often times “force multipliers” when events, such as the one described above, occur.

"A second example of this occurred on a medical call to 9-1-1 occurring over the time period covered by this release. [*Editor's note: In other words, in the past seven days through Monday morning, Aug. 12.*]

"In that incident, a child was experiencing a severe medical emergency and the closest/first arriving officer was working a third-party construction assignment."