



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
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NEWS RELEASE

Date: 09-26-10, 1058 PM.

Location: Mobil Mart Rt190 @ 83 Somers, CT.

Arrested: **Thomas E. DeFroge Jr. 03-09-1987**
20 Farms Rd. Broadbrook, CT 06016

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree, Larceny 5th degree.

Bond: \$250,000.00 Cash

Court Date: Presented at G.A. 19 Rockville 09-29-10, 1000 hours

Investigator: Troop C, Tolland Major Crime Unit

Information:

On the above date and time Troop C received a 9-1-1 call from Mobil Mart at Rt. 190 & Rt. 83 Main St. in Somers. The store attendant, who was working at the store alone, stated that a W/M approx. mid 20's entered the store wearing a black ski mask, blue jeans and a light blue t-shirt. The suspect displayed a black handgun and demanded cash from the clerk. Upon Troopers arrival, security video was reviewed and suspect and vehicle information was given to Troop C to broadcast to responding Troopers. The lone suspect left the scene operating a black Audi A-6 with CT plates, last seen traveling northbound on Rt. 83 towards MA with an unknown amount of cash. EDMCS-C Detectives responded. Troop C desk personnel contacted the bordering MA police agencies and advised of the robbery. Wilbraham, MA P.D. advised their officer was in pursuit of the suspect vehicle. They discontinued pursuit due to high speed and reckless operation. Palmer MA P.D. advised they had the same vehicle stopped at Rt. 20 @ Rt. 32. Troopers responded to that location and secured the vehicle with Palmer P.D. Palmer P.D. officers had taken the operator into custody on motor vehicle charges. The vehicle was seized and transported to Troop C. On 09-27-10, Detectives applied for and were granted a search and seizure warrant for the vehicle and an arrest warrant for the accused, Thomas DeForge Jr. On 09-28-10, Detectives traveled to Palmer District Court in Palmer, MA and took DeForge into custody where he was being held as a Fugitive from Justice. DeForge was arrested on the strength of the warrant for the above charges. He will be arraigned at G.A. 19 Rockville Court on 09-29-10 at 1000 hours.

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