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Summit Police Department Arrests Retail Theft Suspects in Downtown

SUMMIT, NJ, August 1, 2025 – On Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at approximately 3PM, an off-duty Summit Police Officer observed a white Mercedes Benz 2-door coupe with Florida registration idling on Maple Street, which matched the description of a vehicle involved in a retail theft that occurred at Lululemon on Sunday, July 27, 2025. The officer quickly contacted police dispatch, Mountain Valley Emergency Communications Center (MVECC), to notify on-duty officers of the situation.

During the time it took for officers to respond, the off-duty officer observed one female seated in the Mercedes, while another exited Lululemon carrying a Steve Madden shopping bag full of merchandise. The off-duty officer then responded to Lululemon to confirm a theft had just occurred and ensure all staff were safe. In the meantime, the suspect vehicle proceeded down Union Place. The off-duty officer, who was on foot, ran to follow the vehicle while relaying updated locations to MVECC. On-duty officers arrived on scene moments later and were able to stop the vehicle and take the suspects into custody without force.

At the completion of the investigation, the following charges were approved:

Aliyah Gordon, 24-year-old female from Westchester, NY, was released on her own recognizance pending a court appearance date.

- 2C:20-11B (1) (Shoplifting)
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- 2C:5-2A (2) (Conspiracy)

Aniah Ferguson, 27-year-old female from Brooklyn, NY, was transported to County Jail for extradition to New York.

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- 2C:5-2A (2) (Conspiracy)
- 2C:29-3A (7) (Hindering apprehension/prosecution by providing false information)
- 2A:160-10 (Fugitive from justice)

The case remains under investigation and additional charges may follow. The Summit Police Department will continue to work closely with regional partners to track and prevent organized retail crime. Both parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

“I want to commend our off-duty officer for her exceptional vigilance and quick thinking,” said Chief Ryan Peters. “Her actions, as well as the responding officers, exemplify the dedication and professionalism we strive for every day, both on and off the clock.”

Peters continues: “We hope to send the message that in Summit we will respond. We encourage all store owners to contact us immediately if they suspect shoplifting or other criminal activity is happening on their premises.”

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