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### Press Release

### “Man Arrested Following Home Invasion”

Early Tuesday morning, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at approximately 1213 am, Auburn Police Officers were dispatched to an apartment in the 200 block of Melone Village on the report of a robbery. Upon Officers arrival they learned that three male suspects had come to the apartment looking to speak with the resident of the apartment. The door was answered by one of the tenants out of town guests. When the guest opened the door one of the suspects pushed past her and started searching the apartment for the tenant. The tenant had secured themselves in an upstairs bathroom. The suspect who was searching the apartment for the tenant then approached the male and female guests who were in the downstairs portion of the apartment. This male suspect then forcibly stole an undisclosed amount of money from the male victim as the two other suspects remained in the apartment's doorway. After stealing the money, all three suspects fled on foot.

A short time later an Auburn Police Detective and Patrol Officers stopped a vehicle believed to be related to the incident. Two of the three suspects were in the vehicle and were subsequently interviewed and released without charges. The third suspect was later located in a residence on Chestnut St. where he was taken into custody. The investigation is ongoing and more charges are pending. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact lead investigator Det. Christopher McLoughlin at 315-255-4706. Your call can remain anonymous.

**Arrested:** Vidal Maurice Whitley (07-06-1983) /  
20 Thornton Ave Apt 211 Auburn, New York

**Charges:** Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree – Class C Felony  
Robbery 3<sup>rd</sup> degree – Class D Felony

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