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**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

SUBJECT: Robbery Investigation leads to three (3) arrests and recovery of stolen property
DATE: Sunday June 3, 2018 at 6:30PM
ATTACHED: Booking Photos of Veras, Martinez, Ortiz

On Sunday June 3, 2018 at approximately 6:30PM, Officers Francisco Reis and Wendell Burks responded to Straight Shooters Billiards located at 288 Plymouth Avenue for a report of a fight outside involving a group of males.

Upon arrival, Police spoke with three victims who stated that a group of males assaulted them and stole a wallet, iPhone and key chain. One of the victims stated that he had mistakenly left his keys inside of a dressing room of Carter's Clothing. When he went back into the store to locate them they were no longer there. The victims confronted three males who were inside regarding the whereabouts of the keys, the males became aggressive and assaulted the victims and in the scuffle managed to steal the items mentioned. After providing a description to the police, a canvass of the area began for the suspects. Officer Joshua Carreiro working a security detail at Stop and Shop radioed to officers at the scene that he had three males matching the suspects' description inside of the supermarket. A foot pursuit began of one of the suspects as he fled from police. He was eventually captured and the victims were able to positively identify all three suspects from the incident. One of the suspects, identified as Raphy Veras (d.o.b. 06-28-1999) was found in possession of one of the victim's phone and wallet.

The following individuals were taken into custody and charged regarding this incident:

Raphy Veras (d.o.b. 06-28-1999) of 7 Essex Street, Quincy, MA:

- Unarmed Robbery
- Assault & Battery
- Resisting Arrest

Tomas Martinez (d.o.b. 08-02-1994) of 55 Nightingale Street, Boston, MA:

- Unarmed Robbery
- Assault & Battery

Exavian Ortiz (d.o.b. 07-17-1999) of 30 Mill Street, Randolph MA:

- Unarmed Robbery
- Assault & Battery

END OF RELEASE

Respectfully Submitted,

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