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Downtown Robbery Arrest

Rodrick Johnson, 19, of Springfield has been charged with 1st Degree Robbery regarding an incident that occurred in the Park Central Square area on 08/9/2010.

Johnson was one of three suspects involved in a robbery in which two people were assaulted and a third victim had a cell phone stolen. Johnson struck one of the victims with a baseball bat during the robbery.

Johnson and the other suspects approached the victims who were walking near Campbell and Olive. The suspects got out of a brown Oldsmobile and started assaulting Ian Lee, 21, and Zachary Downs, 21. Johnson struck Lee with his fist and took his wallet. Johnson then struck Downs with a baseball bat.

After stealing the wallet the suspects took a cell phone belonging to Lara McCambridge. McCambridge, 21, was walking with Lee and Downs when the attack occurred.

Johnson is being held in the Greene County Jail on a $100,000 bond.

Police are continuing their investigation.

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