Two Arrested for Kidnapping

The Springfield Police Department has arrested two people in connection with a kidnapping that occurred on 8/17/2010. Dustin M. Gifford and Jessicaanna T. Schrum are being held in the Greene County Jail for Kidnapping.

Gifford and Schrum are accused of kidnapping Christian Porter, 17. Porter was taken at gunpoint and held for several hours by Gifford and Schrum, and other suspects not yet identified. The kidnapping occurred in the 1200 block of W. Atlantic St.

Gifford believed that Porter’s older brother had broken into his home and stole a television and assaulted Schrum on 8/16/2010. Neither Gifford nor Schrum reported that event to the police.

Porter’s brother contacted police Tuesday evening reference the kidnapping. The brother told police that Gifford had kidnapped Christian in retaliation for the assault and theft.

Gifford and Schrum were arrested by Springfield Police at their home in the 2500 block of W. High St. Tuesday evening. Porter was not at the residence at the time of the arrest, but instead was being held at another location. As Gifford and Schrum were being questioned by police detectives Tuesday night, Porter was released around 10 p.m. by the other suspects involved in the kidnapping. Those suspects are still being sought by police.

The investigation is ongoing.

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