“Suspects Arrested Following Robbery”

At approximately 3:30 am on April 15, 2015, Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to the Monongalia County Sheriff’s Office for a reported robbery. When Officers arrived they met with the victim who reported that he had been walking down the stairs adjacent to the Walnut Street Bridge and was confronted by two suspects and sprayed in the face with Pepper Spray. The victim reported that he was beaten by the suspects and several items of personal property including his laptop computer, cell phone and wallet. The victim reported fleeing the area and running to the Sheriff’s Office.

Officers investigating the incident observed two suspects near Maryland Avenue and Brockway Avenue that matched the description of the suspects provided by the victim. Officers attempted to detain the suspects and one suspect immediately fled the area and was pursued by officers. The suspect that fled the area was taken into custody following a brief struggle that resulted in the suspect being tased. The other suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Jesse Logan LEWIS, 22 years of age of Morgantown was charged with First Degree Robbery and Conspiracy and is being held at the North Central Regional Jail

Mathew Russel BAILEY, 20 years of age of Beckley was charged with First Degree Robbery and Conspiracy and is being held at the North Central Regional Jail

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “Partner in Policing”, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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