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## **Robbery suspects arraigned on indictment**

Two of the three armed suspects who allegedly robbed the Valero Gas Station on Route 24 in Riverside (Southampton Town) pleaded not guilty to a three count indictment today in Suffolk County Court.

Erick Darden, 19, and Arnell Nash, 21, from Riverhead, were arrested last month by Southampton Town Police. Darden and Nash pleaded not guilty to one charge of robbery in the first degree, one charge of robbery in the third degree and one count of petty larceny.

The third suspect, Larry Moore, 17, will be arraigned on December 14.

Police said the trio is believed to be responsible for not less than four armed robberies between October 20 and November 19, 2012, including the robberies at the BP Station in Mattituck and Bath's Pharmacy in Riverhead.

Darden is incarcerated in lieu of \$40,000 cash bail or \$200,000 bond. Nash is being held in lieu of \$25,000 cash or 100,000 bond.

The joint efforts of the Southampton Town PD, the Riverhead Town PD, the Southold Town PD, the Suffolk County PD and the Suffolk County District Attorney's East End Drug Task Force were fundamental to the successful apprehension of the suspects.

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