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The three men Suffolk County Police arrested for sexually assaulting and robbing a 16-year-old female, and assaulting and robbing her male companion in Brentwood last Friday evening will be arraigned on an indictment tomorrow, Friday, June 5, in the criminal courthouse in Riverside.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Judge Barbara Kahn (second floor of the courthouse) will unseal the indictment Friday at 11:00 am.

The three defendants are incarcerated in the Suffolk County jail in lieu of bail.

Jose Cornejo, 17, of Brentwood, is charged with Rape 1st, Criminal Sex Act 1st Degree, Sex Abuse 1st Degree and Robbery 2nd Degree

Joel Escobar, 17, of Brentwood, is charged with Rape 1st, Criminal Sex Act 1st and Robbery 2nd Degree

Bryan Larios, 18, of Brentwood, is charged with Rape 1st, Criminal Sex Act 1st Degree and Robbery 2nd Degree

According to police, the men approached the victims on Hilltop Drive, identified themselves as members of the street gang MS-13, claimed they had a gun, and robbed the victims, beating the male severely. The trio then forcibly took the teenage girl to a wooded area adjacent to the Brentwood County Club Golf Course where two of the defendants took turns sexually assaulting her.

District Attorney Spota will offer remarks regarding the investigation and indictment in the SCDA Law Library on the fifth floor of the courthouse following the arraignments. A bilingual interpreter will be available during the news conference.

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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.