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Alleged carjackers who struck police officers during escape attempt charged in indictment

A suspected carjacker accused of running down two Suffolk County police officers on September 22 while fleeing a traffic stop is scheduled to be arraigned on an indictment tomorrow morning (Tuesday, October 7) in Central Islip, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Chad Morizsan, 34, and his accomplice, Nicholas Franzone, 22, both of Northport, will be arraigned before State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho at approximately 11:00 am.

The seriously injured police officer, Nicholas Guerrero, 36, remains hospitalized at Stony Brook University Medical Center.

District Attorney Spota said the 28 count indictment contains upgraded charges against both men of assault in the first degree, "a crime which carries a determinate incarceration of 25 years in state prison, a sentence we will strongly recommend upon conviction". Morizsan and Franzone also face upgraded robbery charges, for allegedly stealing a Commack woman's car and her pocketbook while they were trying to evade capture.

Morizsan and Franzone were taken into custody in a Central Islip department store where they attempted to purchase a television with the woman's stolen credit card.

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