

Billerica Police Arrest and Charge Two with Armed Robbery

BILLERICA — Chief Roy Frost reports that the Billerica Police Department arrested and charged two women with the armed robbery of a convenience store late Wednesday night.

ASHLEY KOTSONAS, AGE 33, OF LOWELL, was arrested and charged with:

- Armed Robbery
- Assault With a Dangerous Weapon (Knife)
- Assault and Battery (Two Counts)

KIMYA FOUST, AGE 46, OF DORCHESTER, was arrested and charged with:

- Armed Robbery
- Assault With a Dangerous Weapon (Knife)
- Assault and Battery (Two Counts)

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 11:35 p.m., Billerica Police received a hold-up alarm from Alltown Mobile, 1 Republic Road, and a report that a clerk was robbed at knifepoint.

Officers and detectives responded to the scene and an initial investigation determined that a female suspect grabbed a clerk's wrist two times and lunged at the clerk with a knife before the clerk handed over an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect then fled the store and entered a white vehicle that was parked across the street.

As officers responded to the robbery, they were notified that a white vehicle had crashed on Route 3 north nearby.

Massachusetts State Police responded to that crash, as did Billerica detectives, who identified the driver and passenger of the vehicle as **FOUST** and **KOTSONAS**. Police located cash strewn about the scene of the crash.

Both **KOTSONAS** and **FOUST** were taken into custody after an investigation indicated **KOTSONAS** was the individual who allegedly robbed the store. **FOUST** was charged under the joint venture principal as a result of her alleged involvement.

Both **KOTSONAS** and **FOUST** are expected to be arraigned Thursday in Lowell District Court.

These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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