



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

**Garry F. McCarthy**  
Superintendent

**Martin Maloney**  
Director

For Immediate Release  
March 28, 2015

Contact: Office of News Affairs  
312-745-6110

### Two Offenders Charged in Convenience Store Robbery



**Mitchell Thomas, 24**  
1400 block of E. 72<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Chicago, IL



**Jamie Branch, 23**  
2200 block of Rogers  
South Bend, IN

**Charges:**

**Mitchell Thomas:**

One felony count of Robbery-Armed w/Firearm  
Two felony counts of Aggravated Battery/Use Deadly Weapon  
One misdemeanor count of Domestic Battery-Bodily Harm

**Jamie Branch:**

One felony count of Robbery-Armed w/Firearm  
Two felony counts of Aggravated battery/Use Deadly Weapon

**Bond:**

Central Bond Court, 2600 S. California – March 28, 2015

**Narrative:**

Thomas and Branch were arrested and charged after being identified as two of four offenders responsible for participating in the armed robbery of a convenience store on the 500 block of North Halsted, at approx. 2:55 am on March 27, 2015. Officers on routine patrol were informed of a robbery in progress at above location. Upon arrival, police observed the offenders robbing the establishment. The offenders fled the scene in a vehicle and crashed at Grand and Cortland, after which they attempted to flee on foot. Thomas and Branch were subsequently apprehended and charged accordingly. During the course of the robbery, a 24 year old male employee was struck in the head with the butt of a gun and another 23 year old male employee sustained a laceration to the hand. Both victims were listed in good condition. Thomas was also faces a Domestic Battery charge on an unrelated incident. Two additional male offenders are still being sought in connection to this crime. Anyone with information regarding this robbery or the wanted offenders is asked to please contact Area Central Detectives at (312) 747-8382.

###