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Press Release

Four plead not guilty in Millis Kidnapping, Assault, attempted murder

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Three men and a woman in their 20s pled not guilty to kidnapping and a variety of other charges in Wrentham District Court this morning (March 3, 2015) stemming from an alleged armed robbery and attempted murder overnight in Millis, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Assistant District Attorney Peter Kelly moved to have the men held without bail under the Commonwealths Dangerousness Statute; all four were ordered held pending a full dangerousness hearing set for Monday morning, March 9, 2015 in the Wrentham District Court.

Twenty-four year old Stoughton men Xavier Frederick, of Summer Ave, and Leonard Ward, of Wheeler Circle, pled not guilty to attempted murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping and armed robbery.

Ephraim Hunter, 20, male, of Adams Street in Millis pled not guilty to attempted murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, possession of a class A drug (heroin) and armed robbery.

Devin Connolly, 24, female, of Mechanic Street in Canton pled not guilty to kidnapping and accessory after the fact to armed robbery.

The weapons alleged to have been used in the assault against a single individual were a hammer and a snow brush.

A caller alerted police to an assault in progress in the parking lot area of an apartment complex on Stony Brook Driver in Millis shortly before 1 a.m. Based on information obtained by police, a van was stopped a short distance away with the four defendants inside as well a hammer, a shoe believed to belong to the victim, the victim's pants and some blood in the area of the door.

The victim was unconscious in the back seat of the party who had contacted police when they arrived at the parking lot. The victim was transported to a Boston trauma center via medical evacuation helicopter; he has recovered consciousness and is expected to survive his injuries.