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Central Falls man is charged with carjacking

A federal grand jury has charged **Daniel S. Shepard**, 27, of Central Falls, with carjacking and related firearms offenses, alleging that he took a car from a man at gunpoint on November 9 and seriously injured his victim.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente; Thomas H. Wlodyka, Resident Agent in Charge of the Providence Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Woonsocket Police Chief William Shea; North Smithfield Police Chief Steven E. Reynolds; and Colonel Dean Esserman, Chief of the Providence Police Department, jointly announced a three-count indictment that the grand jury returned on February 2 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

The indictment alleges that Shepard forcefully took a car from a man on November 9, causing serious injury to his victim. It also alleges that Shepard fired a gun during the carjacking and that he was a felon in possession of a firearm.

An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Upon conviction, the statutory maximum penalties for the offenses charged in the indictment are: carjacking – 25 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine; being a felon in possession of a firearm – ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine; brandishing and firing a gun during the commission of a crime of violence – life imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine, with a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment, consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

Police arrested Shepard, of 126 Sumner Street, on the day of the incident. He is held at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions and is scheduled to be brought into U.S. District Court for arraignment on February 10.

The **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Woonsocket Police, North Smithfield Police, and Providence Police** participated in the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerard B. Sullivan is prosecuting the case.

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