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Police Arrest Pair for Stealing from Veterans

On 11-22-09 at approximately 5:15pm, Shelton Officers were dispatched to Stop & Shop, located at 898 Bridgeport Ave, for a report of a larceny. Upon arrival officers were told that two men stole the donation box from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) that was raising money for Operation Gift Card. Operation Gift Card raises money for wounded veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

A description of the suspects and their vehicle was sent out to area police departments. A short time later Bridgeport Police stopped a vehicle that matched the description from the theft. An investigation led to the arrests of Michael Kelly, age 23, of Rosewood La in Shelton, and Matthew Cristino, age 23, of Grandison Pl in Shelton. Police were able to locate money, pamphlets from Operation Gift Card, and crack cocaine.

Both Kelly and Cristino were charged with Illegal Possession of Crack Cocaine and Larceny 6th Degree. Both are due to appear at Derby Court on November 30, 2009.

For more information about Operation Gift Card go to:
<http://www.ctveterans.org/pages/OGCFlyer.html>

