

Two KC men charged with local robberies

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Two Kansas City men were charged Saturday with robbing a local Break Time convenience store that morning and Taco Bell on Thursday.

Marcus S. Jackson, 20, and Jason Ray Jones, 21, were charged Saturday with two counts of first-degree robbery and armed criminal action, both Class A felonies. Each faces the potential of two life sentences.

Both suspects were jailed Saturday evening on \$500,000 bond.

Shortly after the 5:52 a.m. Break Time robbery, Jefferson City police arrested the pair near the store at 627 Clark Ave.

According to the Break Time clerk, a man carrying a sawed-off shotgun and wearing a hooded sweatshirt robbed her at gunpoint. During the robbery, the suspect fired a shot into the floor of the store, but no one was injured.

The probable cause statement said Jackson confessed to the crimes, and named Jones as driver of the getaway vehicle during both robberies.

Cole County Prosecutor Bill Tackett said transients moving into towns and committing crimes is becoming a national trend.

"They see a small town and think it's easy pickings, but Cole County has always enjoyed a strong law enforcement and ultimately, it's not easy," Tackett said.

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