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## Two Arrested in Abduction Of Senator's Wife in Virginia

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The police in Carteret, N.J., arrested two people Wednesday night in the brief kidnaping of a United States senator's wife from her home in Virginia.

Kathleen Gregg, 52, the wife of Senator Judd Gregg, Republican of New Hampshire, escaped unharmed from her kidnapers on Tuesday, when they took her at knifepoint to a bank near her home in McLean, Va., to force her to withdraw cash, and then fled, the authorities said.

The police in Fairfax County, Va., issued a bulletin about the kidnaping, the two suspects and their vehicle — a Chevrolet Monte Carlo. On Wednesday night, police officers on a stakeout in Carteret spotted a Monte Carlo with Virginia license plates, Police Chief John P. Pieczynski of Carteret said.

"Certainly, the Virginia plates wouldn't fit in," the chief said yesterday.

At a press conference, the chief and Judson Hamlin, a Middlesex County assistant prosecutor, said that several law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, had joined in the investigation because the two suspects crossed state lines. He said the two men spent Tuesday night at a Holiday Inn in Carteret.

The chief said that the Carteret officers were in an unmarked car on Wednesday night, staking out a parking lot near a public housing project known for its drug trade. They noticed the out-of-state plates, and then saw that the two men were acting suspiciously, going in and out of their car several times, he said.

The officers ran a check of the license plate, he said, and learned that the car had been stolen, so they approached it. The passenger, later identified as Michael Pierre, 20, of Upper Marlboro, Md., jumped out

and fled.

The authorities said the Carteret officers called for backup, and one officer ran after Mr. Pierre, catching up with him about two blocks away. Other officers gave chase to the Monte Carlo, which was being driven by Christopher Lee Forbes, 31, who the authorities in Fairfax said had no known address.

Mr. Forbes at first aimed the car at the officers, and then drove away, with the car coming to rest in a creek bed, officials said. He suffered a broken leg and was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., the chief said.

Mr. Pierre was being held in the Carteret jail, Chief Pieczynski said.

Mr. Forbes was charged with aggravated assault of a police officer because he turned the car on the officers, possession of stolen property and other charges. Mr. Pierre was charged with resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia and other charges. Bail was set at \$250,000 each, the chief said.

The F.B.I. and the Fairfax authorities may add more charges later.

The Fairfax County Police said that around 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, when Mrs. Gregg arrived at her home, she was met by two men who displayed a knife and demanded money. She told WMUR-TV in Manchester, N.H., that the men threatened her and tied her up, face down on the floor.

She said the intruders went through the house, rifling through jewelry and taking things they thought they could sell. They took her engagement ring, golf clubs and \$50 from her wallet.

Investigators do not believe that the kidnapers knew that Mrs. Gregg was a senator's wife.

"One man was sitting on me and I kept thinking, 'I need to get out of this house,' and I said, 'The only way



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F.B.I. agents examined evidence from a car in Carteret, N.J., yesterday that the police say was driven by two suspects in a kidnaping in Virginia.

I can get you money is if we go to the bank," she said.

She persuaded the men to untie her, she said. They drove her to a Wachovia Bank in the McLean area, the Fairfax police said. One of her kidnapers held a knife to her throat during the entire ride, she said.

When they were inside the bank, she said, one of them stood by her

with a knife to her side. The teller handed over the cash, and one of the men took the money. Mrs. Gregg said she then ran away down a hallway and hid in a closet.

"I thought: 'I am not getting back into that car with this man and going anywhere. I've got to get out of there,'" she told the television station.