Suspect in Jewelry Store Heist Captured

Newark – Within seconds of the theft of valuable diamond-studded gold chains from a Market Street jewelry store, one of the two suspects was placed under arrest by Essex County sheriff’s officers and the chains were recovered.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that officers were on patrol in downtown Newark late this afternoon when they were flagged down by the owner of Brick City Gold, located at 104 Market Street. The owner advised the sheriff’s officers that two men had entered the jewelry store and fled with two chains which he valued at $18,000.
The store owner told the officers that one of the suspects was at the counter trying on chains and looking at others while the other suspect kept his foot in the door to prevent them from being locked in.

Both suspects bolted from the store.

The owner immediately ran outside where he flagged down Sheriff’s Officers Robert Andrews and Amir Jones. “Those guys running just stole two chains from the store,” the officers were advised.

The suspect with the chains, identified as Jonathan Roman, age 22 of Newark, was captured in front of 43 William Street and he was found to be in possession of the jewelry.

“I guess these guys didn’t get the word that this section of Newark is the most heavily patrolled,” Sheriff Fontoura noted. “Our department, along with Newark police and the prosecutor’s office, are up and down these streets all day and all night long. We commend Officers Andrews and Jones for their alertness and good work.”

Following questioning and processing, Roman will be charged with theft.

The second suspect remains at large.