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At approximately 4:27 PM the Greenwich Police Department received a 911 call reporting a car fire in the area of 175 Greenwich Avenue. Shortly thereafter a report was received of a robbery in progress at the Betteridge Jewelry Store, 117 Greenwich Avenue.

As police and fire units responded to the car fire Officer Bussell, who was directing traffic at Lewis Street and Greenwich Avenue, was alerted to the robbery by several pedestrians.

Officer Bussell immediately ran north on Greenwich Avenue to the jewelry store and confronted the robbery suspect as he fled the store. As a result of Officer Bussell's actions the suspect dropped a bag containing the jewelry he was attempting to steal from the store. The suspect then jumped on a motorcycle and fled north on Greenwich Avenue.

Officer Bussell pursued the suspect on foot until reaching Amogerone Crossway where the suspect made a right hand turn and was able to accelerate to a high rate of speed.

Sixty-two pieces of jewelry were recovered at the scene. A subsequent inventory showed all stolen items to be recovered. The total value of the jewelry stolen and recovered was in excess of \$1 million dollars.

The suspect displayed a handgun during the course of the robbery. No one was injured in the incident. It is believed the car fire was set as a diversionary tactic as the robbery was carried out.

The investigation is ongoing and additional information will be provided as it becomes available.