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Shooting aboard Metro train in D.C. followed robbery, police say

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The shooting that wounded a man aboard a Metro train in Anacostia on Tuesday afternoon occurred after the victim tried to retrieve money taken during a robbery, according to an arrest affidavit filed in court.

Police said the victim was shot as he tried to punch the youngest of the two alleged assailants — 16-year-old Hassan Graves. A 19-year-old, Andre Cortez Broadie of Northeast, also was arrested in the case.

Both suspects were charged with armed robbery and ordered detained by a D.C. Superior Court judge. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 10. Metro Transit Police had said each would be charged with assault with intent to kill, but prosecutors filed robbery counts and said the case remains under investigation.

The court documents for the first time reveal the motive for the shooting that occurred about 12:40 p.m. on a Green Line train headed toward Greenbelt. The shooting raised fears amid other recent attacks that took place on Metro. Police called Tuesday's incident the only shooting the transit system's police chief could recall in the past 20 years.

The 24-year-old victim and his girlfriend told police that one of the suspects got on the train at Southern Avenue and the other at Congress Heights. They said the pair were talking to each other. The victim said the younger suspect grabbed money out of his hands, according to the affidavit.

As the victim tried to get his money back, the girlfriend told police, she saw the assailant reach into his coat and pull out a black handgun, the affidavit says. She told police he “pointed it at the face and head [of the victim]” and then she heard what sounded like a firecracker. The victim told police he then “realized that he had been shot and fell to the ground,” the affidavit says.

Broadie's attorney, Kevin Mosley, said his client boarded the train and saw the 16-year-old, whom he knew, and talked with him. But he said the affidavit blames the robbery and shooting on the co-defendant. “It does not allege that my client has done anything. . . . There is no allegation that he robbed an individual, shot an individual, touched an individual.”

Graves was charged as an adult. His attorney, Heather Pinckney, could not be reached for comment.
