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MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Medical Marihuana User Targeted

One suspect is under arrest and investigators are searching for a second male after a medical marihuana user in Pickering was targeted, abducted and assaulted over the weekend.

On Friday, November 9, 2012 at approximately 7 p.m., a 22-year-old Pickering man was walking home from the Pickering Town Centre when a vehicle approached him near the intersection of Glenanna Road and The Esplanade North. Several suspects exited the vehicle, placed a bag over his head and forced him into the back seat. He was punched repeatedly as the vehicle drove around. The suspects demanded to know where he kept his marihuana. The victim is a licensed medical marihuana user.

His personal belongings were stolen and he was dropped off on Orchard Road in Ajax after about one hour. By the time the victim made his way to a relative's house, his apartment in Pickering had been entered and ransacked.

Police were called and the victim was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries then released.

The investigation led to the arrest of one suspect early this morning in Pickering. The 30-year-old suspect was arrested at approximately 4:20 a.m. while exiting a restaurant at a plaza at Glendale Road and Kingston Road in Pickering.

Jon MILLER, age 30, of Marshcourt Drive in Pickering is charged with: **Kidnapping; Robbery; Breach of Probation;** and **Drive While Under Suspension**. He was held for a bail hearing.

Anyone with new information about this ongoing investigation is asked to call Det. McKinnon of the West Division Street Level Robbery Unit at [1-888-579-1520ext. 2565](tel:1-888-579-1520ext.2565).

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