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MTA Police arrest three for burglary

The MTA Police announced today the arrest of three Long Island residents charged with multiple burglaries in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Lesly Pratt, 20, and Steven Atilas, 19, of Massapequa, and Daniel Breslaw, 35, of North Amityville, were stopped by the Amityville Police Department for a traffic violation and found in possession of burglars' tools.

The suspects were apprehended following an extensive investigation, led by the MTA Police and the Amityville, Nassau, and Suffolk County Police Departments. The trio are believed responsible for numerous burglaries over the past month, including those to train station newsstands located in Amityville, Bellmore, Merrick, and Hicksville.

Continuing investigation by all agencies involved led to the search of Atilas' residence in Massapequa, where proceeds from the burglaries were recovered. Total losses from the burglaries are estimated at more that \$25,000. The suspects are being held at Nassau County Jail where they await arraignment.