

2 charged, 1 on the run in casino robbery - UPI.com

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LAS VEGAS, March 2 (UPI) -- Two men have been charged in the armed robbery of a Las Vegas poker table, but the alleged gunman is still at large.

Edward Land, who allegedly dropped Steven Gao off at the Rio casino Thursday, and Hiroyuki Yamaguchi, who allegedly drove him away in a taxi, were arraigned Tuesday, the Las Vegas Sun

reported. Bail was set at \$125,000 for each of them.

Police are looking for Gao.

Land has admitted taking Gao to the casino, police said, but maintains he did not know of his intentions. He said Gao owed him \$15,000 and robbed the casino to repay it, police said.

Police said Gao, in disguise, went to a poker table and began taking \$33,200 in chips from the dealer. When the dealer hit his hand, Gao brandished a gun, police said.

Gao and Yamaguchi then went to another casino and met Land, police said.

Police said Yamaguchi also later admitted his role, and they found \$1,000 in casino chips and an unloaded gun in his cab.

Authorities said they dug up \$17,000 worth of chips from Land's backyard and found a wig and a black bag in his home.

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