

CINNAMINSON — Police have arrested two Philadelphia men on charges they attacked a casino patron as he returned home here with his winnings.

Christopher Featherstone, 22, and David Riley, 20, allegedly followed their victim as he took a cab from the

SugarHouse Casino, then jumped the 26-year-old as he walked to his house in predawn darkness on Oct. 16, police said. The victim fought off his armed assailants and kept his winnings of about \$2,000. A third man, who is believed to have driven the robbers to Cinnaminson, remains at large.

"It was a team effort," Cinnaminson Police Det. Sgt. William Covert said Friday of the two arrests. He said police in Philadelphia and Cinnaminson pursued the case with help from SugarHouse security personnel, who provided surveillance photos of the suspects.

"If it wasn't for their cameras and their security, there's no way this case would have been solved," he said of the casino.

Police said one suspect struck the victim in the head as he walked near the 200 block of Perry Road in the 6:30 a.m. attack.

The victim, whose name has not been released, wrestled one assailant to the ground, while the other tripped over his own baggy pants, police said.

The robbers fled when the victim shouted for help.

Featherstone, who was identified early in the investigation, was arrested by Philadelphia police on an unrelated charge Thursday. Cinnaminson detectives interviewed him later in the day and developed information that helped identify Riley as a suspect.

Philadelphia police stopped Riley on Thursday as he drove a Chevrolet Impala that was believed to have been used in the Oct. 16 robbery.

"He had a loaded gun in the car," Covert said of Riley, who was initially arrested for a weapons offense.

Both men now are charged with robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery and aggravated assault. They also face multiple weapons charges.

Featherstone and Riley are in jail in Philadelphia, awaiting extradition to South Jersey. Bail for the Cinnaminson charges has been set at \$150,000, Covert said.

The South Jersey incident was the first of two armed robberies to involve patrons of the SugarHouse, which opened in late September in Philadelphia's Fishtown section.

Police say three women were held up and one was pistol-whipped shortly before 1 a.m. Nov. 12 in a parking lot outside the Delaware Avenue casino. Reach Jim Walsh at (856) 486-2646

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