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Two charged over armed robbery and police pursuit

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Two men have been charged after an alleged getaway car crashed during a police pursuit following an armed robbery in Sydney's west.

Police say the men, armed with a knife, entered a newsagency at Schofields about 12.45pm yesterday.

The pair threatened a male employee, ordering him to hand over cash before driving off in a stolen Toyota Lexcen.

A witness contacted police, and a patrol car took up the chase in Quakers Hill.

The pursuit continued onto the M7 and M2 motorways before the Toyota crashed through a boom gate at the Beecroft Road off-ramp and ended up on Blaxland Road.

A 23-year-old man and a 28-year-old were charged with armed robbery and vehicle theft.

The younger man was also charged with reckless driving and driving while disqualified.

They were refused bail and are due to appear in Hornsby Local Court later today.

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