



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



DEPUTY ARRESTS ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT

Cheviot, Ohio, March 8, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a masked, armed robbery suspect was apprehended by our Sheriff's Deputy earlier this morning at the United Dairy Farmers in Cheviot.

At approximately 5:45 A.M. today Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Harper stopped for coffee at the UDF located at the corner of Northbend Road and Westwood Northern Boulevard on his way to work at the Justice Center. Deputy Harper witnessed a masked, armed robbery suspect burst through the doors and hold the cashier at gun point demanding cash. Deputy Harper drew his firearm and engaged the suspect. The suspect pointed his gun at Deputy Harper, resulting in the deputy firing one shot towards the suspect barely missing him. The suspect was startled, dropped his weapon and attempted to flee on foot. Deputy Harper pursued and was able to apprehend the suspect without any injuries or further incidents. A Cheviot Police Officer was doing routine checks and entered the UDF to assist the Deputy as well.

The suspect has been identified as Simeon Thomas. Thomas has been charged with 2 Counts of Aggravated Robbery (F1), Felony Assault on a Police Officer (F1), and Receiving Stolen Property (F3). Our Detectives are working collaboratively with the Cincinnati Police Department. As part of the investigation detectives believe Thomas was involved in another recent armed robbery at the UDF located at Glenway Avenue and Glenmore, which resulted in the additional Aggravated Robbery charge.

Deputy Terry Harper has been placed on paid administrative leave per our Sheriff's protocol, however initial indications are Deputy Harper acted consistent with our policies. The incident remains under investigation by our Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section.

Sheriff Neil stated, "According to the initial accounts, Deputy Harper showed tremendous bravery in apprehending an armed suspect resulting in no injuries. That's no small feat and I commend him on an amazing job well done!"

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