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NEWS RELEASE

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On Monday, August 11 2014 at 951 PM the Sidney Police department was dispatched to the Marathon Gas Station located at 525 E North Street, Sidney Ohio. A lone male subject in a dark jacket with face concealed entered the business and displayed a knife and demanded the money from the two clerks working in the business. After obtaining the cash from the register the suspect fled south on foot from the business to a waiting white minivan. The van then fled south bound down Brooklyn Ave.

Several minutes later responding officers made contact at 306 E Court Street in Sidney to where it was believed that the getaway vehicle had fled to. Once contact was made at the residence clothing used in the robbery along with the cash stolen from the register was recovered.

Three individuals were taken into custody and charged related to the robbery incident. Arrested and incarcerated at the Shelby County Jail is Arthur Leon Bennett, age 25, address at large, charged with one count of Aggravated Robbery a felony of the first degree. Charged with one count of Complicity to commit Aggravated Robbery a felony of 1st degree are Jessie A Wriston, age 26 and Norita Gleason, age 46, both who reside at 306 E. Court Street.

In addition to the Marathon incident, Arthur Leon Bennett was charged with one count of Complicity to Commit Aggravated Robbery a felony of the first degree for his believed involvement in the robbery incident at the City Carryout that occurred on Sunday, August 10 2014. On the day of that robbery Brett Copeland was arrested who is a relative of Bennett.

A joint investigation is ongoing with Sidney and Piqua investigators in regards to the rash of recent robberies occurring in Sidney in Piqua. Facts uncovered during recent events have led investigators to believe that this group of individuals is involved and additional charges are being reviewed my Miami County authorities.

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