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NEWS RELEASE

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On Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at around 12:30 AM a 38 year old female was walking in the 100 block of N. Walnut Ave, Sidney when three male subjects wearing hoodies and sock hats approached her. All three were armed with what appeared to be handguns and demanded the victim's property. The victim attempted to call the police using her cell phone at which point one of the individuals struck the victim on her face with the hand gun causing severe injuries to her. The victim was transported to Wilson Health for treatment.

Early this afternoon investigators from the Sidney police department received investigative leads that led to the identity of the three individuals who were involved and information to the location the suspects were staying at. As a result the tactical response teams from Sidney, Piqua and Shelby County Sheriff's Office were deployed and executed a search warrant at 233 ½ N West Ave in Sidney. At that time two of three suspects were taken into custody. Arrested were Skyler J Reynolds, age 19 who resides at 331 Michigan Street – Sidney and a 17 year old male juvenile from Sidney. Both were charged with one count of Aggravated Robbery a felony of the first degree. Reynolds is incarcerated at the Shelby County Jail and the juvenile is being held at West Central Detention Facility in Troy.

The third individual has been identified as William K Blankenship, age 19, who resides at 827 S Ohio Ave, Sidney. Officers and investigators executed a search warrant at the 827 S. Ohio Ave residence but discovered that Blankenship had left the residence prior to officers' arrival. An arrest warrant has been issued out of the Sidney Municipal Court for Blankenship for one count of Aggravated Robbery a felony of the first degree. Officers are actively searching for Blankenship. He is believed to be armed with a handgun and is considered dangerous.

Anyone with information about the robbery or the whereabouts to William K Blankenship should call the Sidney Police Department at 937-498-2351.

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