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On Tuesday, November 3, 2015 law enforcement authorities were able to positively identify the person who injured an elderly lady during a purse snatching incident that occurred in the parking lot of the Sidney Food Town grocery (1010 Wapakoneta Ave) on October 28 2015.

Investigators from the Sidney Police Department working in conjunction with investigators from the Lima Police Department were able to identify Gene Patrick Agnew, age 42, of Sidney as the person responsible for the crime. Agnew is currently incarcerated in an Allen County holding facility charged with one count of Aggravated Robbery on an incident he is believed to be involved with in Lima Ohio. Charges were filed this afternoon on Gene Agnew in Sidney Municipal Court with one count of Aggravated Robbery a felony of the first degree for the incident that occurred in Sidney on October 28 2015.

Investigators from both Sidney and Lima learned on Friday afternoon that Agnew was a likely suspect in multiple robbery type incidents occurring in Sidney, Wapakoneta and Lima areas. Both agencies put forth investigative efforts to solidify their suspicions which included Sidney officers conducting around the clock surveillance at a location where Agnew was known to frequent in Sidney. Agnew was apprehended in Lima on early Saturday morning by Lima authorities.

The Sidney citizens' willingness to offer their eye witness accounts surrounding the robbery incident and their tips of possible locations of the whereabouts of the white Chevy S10 truck believed used during the robbery played an important part in bringing Agnew to arrest. To this effort we thank the public's willingness to help, not only law enforcement but more importantly the victim.

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