



POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AGGRAVATED ROBBERY SUSPECT QUICKLY APPREHENDED BY ATHENS POLICE

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – October 3, 2022 – Officers with the Athens City Police Department responded to 608 W. College Street in reference to a shooting incident. Upon arrival they made contact with a male subject who suffered an apparent gunshot wound.

EMS transported the wounded patient to a local hospital for his injuries and was eventually flown via helicopter to an undisclosed trauma center for surgery. The victim was undergoing emergency surgery at the time of the press release.

Detectives with the Special Services Division assisted in the investigation and were able to coordinate with the Patrol Division and generate a person of interest. The subject who was identified as Jimal Abdoola Linder was interviewed by Detectives and confessed to the shooting incident; the firearm used in the incident was recovered as well. Jimal Abdoola Linder was transported to the McMinn County Justice Center with charges of Especially Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon.

Lieutenant Witt stated, “I am proud of the quick response by the Patrol Division and the information they were able to obtain on a hectic scene, the information was relayed to Detectives and a person of interest was established rather quickly. This communication between the two divisions played a crucial role in locating and apprehending the suspect within hours of the shooting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both parties involved in this unfortunate incident.”

For more information, please contact the Athens Police Department at 423-744-2730. (Chief Fred Schultz)

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