



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **TPD investigates aggravated robbery**

**TEMPLE, TX (February 6, 2023) UPDATE** – The Temple Police Department has arrested three males in connection to the Wednesday evening aggravated robbery.

The following individuals, 19-year-old Matthew Sykes, 20-year-old Xzavier Jones and 30-year-old Alexander Wyatt were subsequently taken into custody on February 1, on federal carjacking charges.

The victim's vehicle was found abandoned in the 1000 block of S. 49<sup>th</sup> St. Shortly after the vehicle was found, officers located two suspects. One of them was Jones, who fled from police. While running from officers, Jones discarded the weapon used in the aggravated robbery, which was later recovered by police. The victim positively identified both Jones and Sykes as the individuals responsible for committing the aggravated robbery.

Officers then located a red SUV which was later determined to have been used in the aggravated robbery. Wyatt, the driver of this vehicle, was also taken into custody.

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**TEMPLE, TX (February 1, 2023)** – The Temple Police Department is investigating an aggravated robbery.

Around 7:21 p.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of S. 57<sup>th</sup> St. for a carjacking.

The victim stated he was pumping gas when two young black males approached him, pointed a gun at him, and demanded to take his vehicle. The victim complied.

Around 10 minutes later the vehicle was located by Temple Police Department officers with no one inside.

The suspects are described as wearing hoodies and baseball caps.

This case is under investigation. Anyone with information should contact the Temple Police Department at 254-298-5500 or the Bell County Crime Stoppers at 254-526-8477, where callers can report anonymously.