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Man Charged with Robbery and Aggravated Battery

On Monday 17, 2008 at approximately 8:40AM a male subject entered the Speedy Mart located at 2415 Jackson Bluff Rd and appeared as if he was shopping. Once at the check out counter, the subject acted as if he was going to pay for his purchase and the clerk opened the cash register. Once the register was open the suspect attacked the clerk, striking him in the face with a can good. The subject then grabbed the cash register and after a violent physical altercation with the clerk, fled the store.

Deputies arrived within a few minutes and set up a perimeter with the assistance from air support, warrant units and criminal investigation units. During the search Detective Brian Pearson and Detective Bobby Green observed Joseph W. Atkins retrieving a cash register from a parked vehicle near the scene of the robbery. When confronted Joseph Atkins fled into a nearby apartment complex club house, where he was quickly taken into custody by Sgt. Paul Pruet.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "this is an excellent example of how a quick, coordinated response and team work result in a dangerous criminal being taken off our streets."

Joseph W Atkins

07/26/1979

Eyes: Brown, Hair: Black

SPN#110159

Charges:

(1) Count Armed Robbery

(1) Count Aggravated Battery

(1) Count Resisting Arrest without Violence



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