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Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio:

On **February 6, 2021**, at approximately 1504 hours, officers were dispatched to Dollar General, 5384 Fulton Drive, NW, for a report of an armed robbery. While en route, dispatchers advised a witness who observed the robbery was following the suspect.

The witness described the driver as a black male, driving a grey Nissan Altima, with no visible plates. The witness and suspect came to a stop at Meadowview and Everhard Road. At that time, the suspect fired a handgun at the witness striking the left front corner panel of the vehicle.

The suspect then parked his vehicle in the 5400 block of Blackthorne Avenue, NW. Officers checked the residence where the vehicle was located and was advised by the residents that no one entered the house. One of the occupants advised that they saw someone run through the back yard towards the old golf course.

While setting up a parameter in that area Jackson Township Officers came into contact with the suspect in the 3600 block of Wackerly Drive, NW. The suspect was sitting on a bench with a gun to his head. After several minutes of negotiating with the suspect, the suspect threw the gun down and was taken into custody. During an investigation it was learned that the suspect approached a man in the 3600 block of Wackerly Drive and threatened him with a handgun.

The suspect Rashawn Harper, 20 year old male, last known address was Louisville, Tennessee was booked in the Stark County Jail with the following charges:

- Aggravated Robbery (F1)
- Felonious Assault (F2)
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon, two counts (F4)
- Weapons Under Disability, two counts (F3)
- Aggravated Menacing (M1)
- Receiving Stolen Property (one firearm was stolen) (F4)
- Obstructing Official Business (F5)
- Discharge of a Firearm on or near Prohibited Premises (F3).