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Armed robbery suspect arrested following North Liberty Street operation

Juvenile was wanted following Sept. 16 robbery of East Market Street business; three others also apprehended

HARRISONBURG, Va. – A suspect in an armed robbery that occurred on East Market Street in September was taken into custody Tuesday following an extended Harrisonburg Police Department operation on North Liberty Street.

The suspect, whose name is not being released due to being a juvenile at the time of the initial incident, was wanted for armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony at the Skill Games and Vape Shop in the 700 block of East Market Street the morning of Sept. 16. The suspect, who was armed with a handgun, fled the business prior to police arrival, though detectives with HPD's Major Crimes Unit were able to identify a suspect vehicle. This led to a felony charge of "principle in the second degree to armed robbery" being obtained for Aaron Gill, age 31, of Harrisonburg, for assisting in the commission of the robbery. He was arrested Sept. 19 and is being held at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

Detectives were able to identify and obtain charges against the juvenile robbery suspect, who is a Harrisonburg resident, and on the morning of Oct. 3 were alerted to his presence at a residence in the 600 block of North Liberty Street. Detectives secured a perimeter around the residence, obtained a search warrant and deployed specialty resources to the scene. Community members in the immediate vicinity were advised to remain inside in a safe place as negotiators and SWAT operators attempted to communicate with the barricaded suspect.

Initial contact was made with the individual, who quickly stopped responding to officers' commands. After multiple hours of continuous commands through a loudspeaker and no further contact between officers and anyone inside, SWAT operators deployed a progressive level of assets into the residence to attempt communication and to locate the suspect – leading to SWAT operators finding him concealed inside the home and safely making an arrest shortly after 4 p.m. There were no injuries during the incident.

Further investigation Tuesday allowed detectives to identify additional accomplices in the robbery. Detectives obtained a felony charge of principle in the second degree to armed robbery against Johanna Gill, 51, and Randy Gibson, 41, both of Harrisonburg. The two were located and arrested by HPD Tuesday night and are currently being held at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

HPD was assisted by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, the Harrisonburg Fire Department and the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad.

Mugshots of Aaron Gill, Johanna Gill and Randy Gibson are included in this news release. HPD is not identifying the juvenile suspect arrested Tuesday at this time.

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Aaron Gill



Johanna Gill



Randy Gibson