



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Press Information

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On January 24, Fayette County Sheriff's Investigator's obtained warrants in a case involving an armed robbery at the BP Station located at 2950 Hwy 138 in north Fayette County which occurred on January 10, 2011.

On January 10 Fayette County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to an armed robbery with shots fired at the BP Station located at 2950 Hwy. 138 in north Fayette County when the clerk called 911 and stated that he had been robbed at gunpoint where the suspect fired at least one round striking him in the leg.

The clerk provided Fayette County Sheriff's deputies with a suspect description as being a large framed black male standing approximately six foot two inches tall. The clerk told deputies that the suspect was wearing blue jeans and a black jacket with a grey hooded sweat shirt underneath.

The clerk said the suspect entered into the store at approximately 2:10 PM talking on the telephone. The clerk said the suspect waited inside the store for approximately fifteen minutes when he approached the counter and displayed a firearm. The clerk said the suspect demanded money and discharged the firearm where the bullet grazed his leg. The clerk said he placed an undisclosed amount of money in a bag and gave it to the suspect. The clerk told deputies that the suspect took the money and ran eastbound from the store on foot towards Clayton County.

Fayette County Sheriff's Deputies with the assistance of a Fayetteville Police Department K-9 officer and the Clayton County Police Department attempted to track the suspect on foot. The track led deputies to a residential area located on Highland Hills Road in north Fayette County where it is believed that the suspect fled in an awaiting vehicle.

The clerk was treated and released at the incident location by Fayette County EMS for superficial injuries he received during the assault.

Video surveillance along with forensic evidence obtained at the incident location helped investigators make an arrest in this case. Investigators obtained criminal arrest warrants on David Earl Parnell, 41, of Troy, Alabama and charging him with Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, False Imprisonment, Possession of a Firearm during the commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Mr. Parnell was arrested on January 27 by the United States Marshalls Service in Huntsville, Alabama in connection with these crimes. Mr. Parnell is currently in the Madison County Jail located in Madison County, Alabama where he is awaiting extradition.