



ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Information Release

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On **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, the Acworth Police Department responded to an armed robbery at the Wendy's located at 3550 Baker Road. According to initial reports, a masked individual entered the establishment, brandished a weapon, and demanded money from the staff.

Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered that the suspect, described as a black male, had fled the scene in a red pickup truck with an undisclosed amount of cash. Acworth's Criminal Investigations Division followed leads and utilized FLOCK cameras and soon learned that the vehicle used in the robbery had been reported stolen through Atlanta Police and was recovered in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Further inquiries revealed that the suspect allegedly committed another armed robbery while in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Detectives were able to link the suspect, identified as Paul Richardson (23 years old, male) of Atlanta, Georgia, to the armed robbery in Acworth, Georgia. Jeffersonville Police in Indiana have Richardson in custody who is awaiting extradition to Cobb County, Georgia.

Once extradited, Richardson will face multiple charges, including:

1. Armed Robbery - O.C.G.A. 16-8-41
2. Aggravated Assault (2 counts) - O.C.G.A. [16-5-20](#)
3. False Imprisonment (2 counts) - O.C.G.A. 16-5-41

The Acworth Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division continues to investigate this incident. Anyone with pertinent information is encouraged to contact the Acworth Police Department at 770-974-1232.

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