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Media Release

Date of Release: 12/31/2021

Date of Incident Occurrence: 12/31/2021 at about 2:36 P.M.

Nature of Event: Attempted Robbery/ Possession of “Ghost” Gun

Location of Event Occurrence: Auburn Smoke Shop; 67 Franklin St. Auburn, NY

Media Release Written By: Sgt. D. Edmonds

On 12/31/2021 at about 2:36 P.M., members from the Auburn Police Department, Cayuga County Sherriff’s Department and New York State Police were dispatched by Cayuga County 911 to a reported robbery in progress that occurred at the Auburn Smoke Shop, located at 67 Franklin St. Auburn, NY. It was reported the suspect brandished a dark colored semi-automatic handgun while demanding money from the employees of the business, but the suspect was unsuccessful in his attempt to obtain money and fled on foot.

Based on a quick response by responding law enforcement, victim and witness interviews and a review of video surveillance; responding officers and detectives were quickly able to determine the last known direction of travel of the suspect and ultimately the location of the suspect. A perimeter was established around a nearby apartment building where the suspect was believed to have fled to. Residents of the apartment building were asked to exit the residence for safety purposes. A short time later, Michael Ahmed Demarquis Clardy was subsequently detained (and later charged).

A search of the surrounding area for any items of evidentiary value where Clardy was located was conducted by law enforcement. As result, several articles of clothing that matched the initial description given of the suspect were recovered as evidence as well as the semi-automatic handgun that is suspected to have been utilized by Clardy during the commission of the attempted robbery. The gun recovered was a Glock replica “ghost” gun. APD Detectives were able to secure a search warrant for Clardy’s residence where more items of evidentiary value were secured and further linked Clardy to the attempted robbery.

Clardy was subsequently arrested and charged for his involvement (see page 2 for charges). Clardy was transported to Cayuga County Jail to be held for Centralized Arraignment Proceedings.



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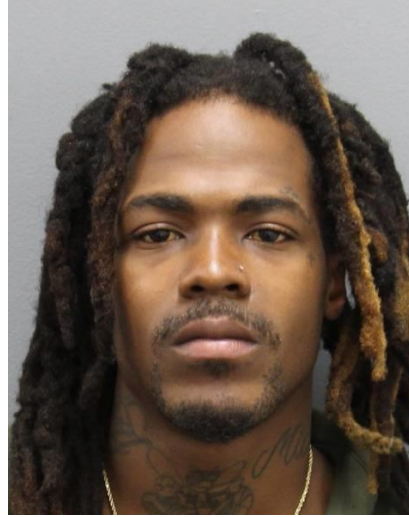
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Michael Ahmed Demarquis Clardy Arrest



As a result of the investigation, 29 year old male, Michael Ahmed Demarquis Clardy of 19 Franklin St. Apartment 8, Auburn NY was arrested and charged with the following:

- Attempted robbery in the 1st degree; (subsections 2 and 3) (class C Felony)
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the 2nd degree (Class C Felony)
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the 3rd degree (disguised gun) (Class D Felony)