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## Media Release

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Date of Incident: 08/14/2019

Location of Event Occurrence: Washington St./Arlington Ave, Auburn, NY

Media Release Written by: Captain James Moore

On August 15, 2019 at approximately 1:45 a.m. the Auburn Police Department received a walk in complaint of an armed robbery that occurred at a Washington Street address a few hours earlier. The 46 year old male victim reported that on August 14, 2019 at approximately 8:15 p.m. he went to a residence on Washington St. near Orchard St. to visit friends when he was approached by a subject he was familiar with. The victim identified the subject as Charles Williams Jr. and alleges that Williams demanded property from him while he was pointing what appeared to be a handgun at him. Williams forcibly took the victims backpack from him and demanded he empty his pockets. The victim complied and gave Williams an undisclosed amount of cash. The victim alleges that Williams then pulled the trigger and there was a loud bang and a cloud of smoke. Williams then fled the scene in a vehicle. The victim was not injured as it appears no projectile was discharged from the weapon.

Patrol units did locate Williams' vehicle at his residence and conducted surveillance while the investigation continued. At approximately 8:50 a.m. on August 15, 2019 a subject was observed by members of the Auburn Police Department leaving the rear of 25 Dexter Ave. on foot in a westerly direction on Willard St. This subject was then observed near a residence on Arlington Ave. by the resident along with a patrol unit. The subject walked towards the rear of the residence and out of sight. It was believed he may have entered the residence on Arlington Ave. or have fled into a wooded area.

A perimeter was quickly established while more resources responded to the area. The Auburn Police Department's Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.) searched the residence and did not locate the subject. Several K-9 units from multiple agencies were utilized to search a large wooded area between Dunning Ave. and Arlington Ave. The New York State Police helicopter also assisted during this search.

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Shortly after the search began a subject was located behind Cosentino Florists on Dunning Ave. and taken into custody without incident. The subject was identified as Charles Williams Jr. Williams is currently on parole and was charged with a parole violation and remanded to the Cayuga County Jail.

On today’s date, August 16, 2019 Williams was charged in connection to the robbery investigation. Williams was charged with one count of Robbery in the first degree, a class B Felony. Williams remained in the custody of the Cayuga County jail pending his arraignment in Auburn City Court.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident or has any video surveillance in the area of Washington and Orchard streets may contact:  
**Detective Brian Blanchfield 315-255-4703.** Callers may remain anonymous.

The Auburn Police Department would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance in safely apprehending Williams: Cayuga County Sheriff’s Department, New York State Police and their aviation unit, Onondaga County Sheriff’s K-9 unit, Wayne County Sheriff’s K-9 unit and NYS Parole.



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