

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Special Media Release – Armed Robbery Suspect Arrested
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On July 26, 2016, Athens Clarke County Police Department released information concerning alarming occurrences of similar armed robberies (3) that were reported in the Tallassee Club Villas apartment complex located on Hanover PI. All three victims reported descriptions of a masked suspect wielding a silver revolver. The time frame was between midnight and 6:00 am on July 17, July 19 and July 23, 2016. In two instances, victims were struck with the handgun when immediate compliance to the suspect's demands were not made.

On July 31, 2016, an armed robbery was reported that occurred in the Stonehenge Subdivision around 3:00 am. Four victims were approached by a similarly described suspect with a silver handgun as in the Tallassee Club Villas reports. The suspect demanded money and, when there was no immediate compliance, fired a shot into the ground and threatened to shoot one of the victims if his demands were not met. The victims then gave up their cash and the suspect fled the scene.

One of the victims provided a vehicle description believed to have been used by the suspect to flee the area. Subsequent investigation lead to the identity of the vehicle's owner and the vehicle was located in Tallassee Club Villas. The vehicle did not belong to the suspect but a connection to the vehicle and the suspect was made.

Investigators were able to piece together enough information and evidence to positively identify and confirm that Savion Taylor, 24, from Athens, Georgia was responsible for committing all of the four reported armed robberies, two of which had multiple victims. Savion Taylor was arrested on August 1, 2016, for three counts of aggravated assault and four counts of armed robbery based on interviews of available victims. Other charges are expected upon completing interviews with other involved victims.

Athens Clarke County Police are asking that residents and visitors remain aware of the seriousness of these incidents and remain cognizant of your surroundings. Pay attention to vehicles or persons who may be loitering in your neighborhood or any other suspicious activity. Report any occurrences immediately to Athens Clarke County Police Department by calling (706) 613-3345 or 911.

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