



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

R. Scott Freeman, Ph.D.
Chief of Police

Justin D. Gregory
Deputy Chief

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: 08/18/2017

Man charged with Aggravated Assault after attack

On 08/17/2017, just before 10:00 pm officers with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department were dispatched to an assault off Mark Twain Circle. Upon making contact with the victim, he told officers he was walking down the side walk in front of the UGA veterinary clinic near the bus stop. The victim stated that a male, whom he did not know, began speaking to him. He said that the suspect had his hands behind his back, walked towards him and punched him in his neck. The victim began running and he was followed by the suspect for a short period of time before he lost him. When officers made contact with the victim, they noticed that he had a large laceration to the left side of his neck that was bleeding and described the wound as a clean, deep cut.

A description of the suspect was provided and a short time later a person matching that description on Barnett Shoals Road near Carriage Court was located. The suspect, 26-year-old Cedric Courtes Smith was identified as the person who attacked the victim. Investigators believe that the suspect attacked the victim with a cutting instrument but, a weapon has yet to be recovered. The victim was transported to the hospital with what was described as non-life threatening injuries. The victim is a UGA student.

###

Epifanio Rodriguez

Epifanio.rodriquez@athensclarkecounty.com

(706)286-2013

