



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Shots Fired During Residential Burglary

On 09/30/2017 at just after 12:30 am officers with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department were dispatched to a residence off of Winterville Road in reference to a burglary. The homeowner stated to police that when he returned home to his residence and was unlocking his front door, he heard something in the residence and pulled out his pistol. When he stepped into the residence, he saw a black male medium build wearing a blue or black short sleeved t-shirt, jeans, and shoes crouched down in the hallway leading to the bedroom. He added that the suspect had his face covered. The homeowner added that he then chased the male out of the rear of the residence, through a previously locked and bolted door, and around the back of the residence. He stated that he then fired three shots at the retreating male as the male ran towards the woods. He stated that the male was holding something "chrome" in his hand and pointed towards him as the male ran away. He stated that the male fired back at him roughly four or five times from the woods.

The victim stated that he was missing an AR-15 rifle that he just bought, a \$500 laser sight, and a bag of roughly \$200 in change. This is an ongoing investigation, and anyone with any information is asked to contact the Athens-Clarke County Police Department

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