

## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE kent county sheriff department



Date: 11/26/15 Report Number: 15-160162 Type of Incident: Armed Robbery Reporting Officer: Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Cammenga

On Thursday, November 26, just prior to 7:00 p.m. the Kent County Sheriff's Department responded to the report of an armed robbery at the Meijer store located at 3757 Plainfield Ave. in Plainfield Township.

A 52 year old female was in the restroom at Meijers when a subject put a gun to the back of her head and demanded she turn over her wallet. The victim gave the suspect her wallet and screamed alerting others to what was happening. The suspect was seen by several witnesses fleeing the store with a gun and the wallet.

The victim's husband also saw the suspect and chased the suspect until he lost sight of him behind the store. A Grand Rapids K9 unit responded and was able to track the suspect to the rear of the store where the track was lost.

Kent County Deputies investigating the robbery, with the help of a Meijer employee who had seen the suspect in the store on prior occasions, were able to identify the suspect. The suspect was located in an apartment building nearby and taken into custody. Deputies searched the suspect's apartment and were able to locate most of the victim's property and the gun (a BB gun which looked like a real gun) which is believed to have been used in the robbery.

The 24 year old male subject was lodged at the Kent County Jail on the charge of armed robbery.