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Armed Robbery Suspects In Police Custody

Kilgore, TX – Just after midnight on Saturday, 04-10-2016, Kilgore Police responded to the EZ Mart Convenience Store located at 4525 FM 349, Kilgore, Texas due to an armed robbery. Descriptions of two suspects were given by the store clerk and police recovered video security footage of the robbery. One of the suspects displayed a shotgun and the video footage also contained the suspect vehicle. They escaped with a small amount of cash. Kilgore Police Criminal Investigation Unit responded to the scene and began to actively investigate the crime.

On 04-13-2016 KPD Investigators received a tip of a possible suspect vehicle match. The tip led investigators to Carlisle, Texas where the vehicle was located. Further investigation led to the arrests of Jonathan Eugene Ballard, 31 years of age, of Jacksonville, Texas and Willis Roshuna Ballard, 34 years of age, of Longview, Texas. Investigators were also able to recover the weapon used along with other evidence. Both parties are charged with Aggravated Robbery a Felony and are currently incarcerated in the Kilgore Municipal Jail. A bond was accessed on the aggravated robbery charge for both Willis Ballard and Jonathan Ballard at \$100,000.

If you have any further information in regards to this crime please contact the case investigator, Detective Stephen Goodson, at 903-218-6903 Gregg County Crimestoppers at 903-236-STOP (7867) or Tip411. You may remain anonymous when giving information.

Photographs of suspects are attached.

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Jonathan Ballard



Willis Ballard