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Two Arrests After Carjacking

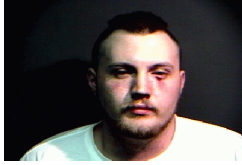
Two persons have been arrested after a Cookeville man was carjacked on Wednesday evening, February 11. **William Matthew Vann**, 25, of Carden Road, Clinton, along with **Randall Kyle Wilcox**, 26, of Hollingsworth Circle, Clinton, were charged with Carjacking, Aggravated Assault, and Felony Theft by Investigator Kenny Bradley of the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Unit.

Shortly before 11:00pm, Wednesday, February 11, Robert D. Lovell, of Cookeville, stopped to help at a traffic accident on Oak Ridge Highway near the Oak Ridge city limits. He was approached by a man who asked for a ride for himself and a friend. Although the two told Lovell they had been in a "wreck", it appears neither were involved in the accident where Lovell stopped. Robert Lovell took the men to the Rocket Top Market in Clinton where the two went inside. A few minutes later they left the store and drove toward Clinton. After a short time, one of the men threatened Lovell with a knife, cutting him on the neck. Lovell managed to flee from his car on Long Hollow Road and ran to a nearby house where the homeowner called the Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded and Lovell was treated at the scene by Anderson County EMS for injuries sustained in the incident.

Sheriff's deputies began to unravel the events after interviewing Lovell, other witnesses, and reviewing the recorded video from the Rocket Top Market. From this investigation, **William Matthew Vann** and **Randall Kyle Wilcox** were identified as possible suspects in the crime and deputies began a search for them and the stolen car.

The description of the stolen vehicle, a white BMW, was broadcast to all surrounding law enforcement agencies and, just before 1:00am, the car was spotted by the Oak Ridge Police Department on East Tennessee Avenue. After a brief chase, Oak Ridge officers lost sight of the car on Outer Drive. Both Oak Ridge officers and Sheriff's deputies searched the area for about thirty minutes but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies looking for the stolen vehicle were told by witnesses on Oliver Springs Highway that the car was seen headed toward Clinton at a high rate of speed. Upon searching the Clinton area, at about 1:45am, Deputy Barry Bunch saw the car parked at the Git 'N Go Market on South Charles Seivers Blvd. **William Matthew Vann** was taken into custody at the market without incident. Assisted by the Clinton Police, **Randall Kyle Wilcox** was arrested by deputies at his house on Hollingsworth Circle.



William Matthew Vann
 W/M 6/16/1983 (25)
 172 Carden Road
 Clinton, TN

Carjacking
Aggravated Assault
Theft – \$ 1,000 to \$ 9,999
Possession Drug Paraphernalia
 Bond = \$ 150,000.00



Randall Kyle Wilcox
 B/M 3/15/1982 (26)
 426 Hollingsworth Circle
 Clinton, TN

Carjacking
Aggravated Assault
Theft – \$ 1,000 to \$ 9,999
 Bond = \$ 145,000.00

Vann and Wilcox are being held in the Anderson County Detention Facility. Both have lengthy criminal records.

Quick work by Sheriff’s deputies and investigators along with cooperation between law enforcement agencies led to these arrests. Our thanks to the Oak Ridge and Clinton Police Departments for their assistance in the search, investigation, and arrests.

The investigation in this case is continuing and no additional details will be released at this time.

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