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MEDIA RELEASE

Prepared by: Lt. Jacob Young	Date & Time Prepared: 12-11-2020 @ 6:00 PM
Type of Incident: Armed Robbery of a Vehicle	
Date and Time of Incident: 12-11-2020 @ about 10:15 AM	
Location of Incident: Wegmans Food Market 500 S. Meadow St. Ithaca, NY 14850	

On 12-11-2020 at about 10:15 AM the Ithaca Police Department responded to the parking lot of Wegmans Food Market for the report of an armed Robbery of a motor vehicle.

Upon arrival Officers located a female victim who stated that she was parked in the Southwest area of the parking lot. The victim stated that she was on break from her job and was having something to eat in her car. The victim stated that a male subject, who was unknown to the victim, opened her passenger side door and quickly got into the passenger seat. Once the male got into the vehicle he produced a knife and pointed it at her in a threatening manner.

The victim, in fear for her safety, quickly got out of the driver side of the car and began running back towards Wegmans to get help from others further north in the parking lot. As the victim was running away the male subject got into the driver seat of the vehicle and drove out of the parking lot. The female was not physically injured during the robbery.

Patrol Officers and members of the Criminal Investigations Unit worked together to aid the victim, process the crime scene and make attempts to find the vehicle and defendant. About an hour after the robbery occurred members of the Investigations Unit located the stolen vehicle parked and unoccupied, at the Holiday Inn Express, about 1.3 miles from the incident location.

Further investigation located the defendant, who was taken into custody at a residence on Spencer Rd. Defendant information, charges and court arraignment information are provided below.

Defendant: Jason S. Gassner, 36 Years Old, Spencer Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850

Charges: NYS Penal Law Section 160.15(3): Robbery in the 1st Degree; a class B Violent Felony

The defendant was arraigned in Ithaca City Court early this evening by the Honorable Judge Peacock on the above listed charge. The defendant also had an active NYS Parole Warrant and was remanded to Tompkins County Jail without Bail. The defendant is scheduled to appear back in Ithaca City Court on 12-16-2020.

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