



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Robbery Suspects Apprehended

Paulding, Ohio—In conjunction with investigators from the Defiance Police Department and Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Paulding County Deputies were able to conclude two open gas station robbery investigations.

Investigators from the three agencies were following tips received regarding the Charloe Store Gas Station robbery and the American Food Mart robbery in the City of Defiance which both occurred on Saturday, April 30, 2016. While following leads, information developed regarding the Cecil Maramart Gas Station robbery, which occurred on December 11, 2015.

Investigators from the Sheriffs' Offices subsequently conducted an interview with Russell Lee Hutchinson, age 36, Defiance, Ohio. During the interview, Hutchinson confessed to his involvement in the Cecil Maramart robbery. Hutchinson was arrested and incarcerated on one count of Aggravated Robbery, a Felony of the First Degree.

During an interview by Defiance Police Department investigators, Rodney A. Heath, age 45 from Defiance, Ohio, confessed to his involvement in the Cecil Maramart robbery, as well as the Charloe Store Gas Station robbery. Heath was arrested by the Defiance Police Department for the American Food Mart robbery in their city and held on one count of Aggravated Robbery, a First Degree Felony.

The case against Heath and Hutchinson regarding the Cecil Maramart and Charloe Store Gas Station robberies will be presented to the Paulding County Grand Jury on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

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