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ACCPD Arrests Suspect Involved in Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, and Sexual Assault

On February 28, 2021, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department received a report of an Armed Robbery, Sexual Assault, and Kidnapping that occurred at the Golden Pantry located at 125 Tallassee Road. Investigation revealed that a male suspect entered the business and implied that he had a firearm. The suspect stole several items from the business and sexually assaulted the clerk. The suspect then forced the victim to go to various locations, eventually ending up at a local hotel where the suspect held the victim against her will. The victim was eventually able to escape and call 911.

Patrol officers and investigative units immediately flooded the area. As a result of the rapid response and intense investigation, officers were able to identify and locate the individual responsible for this violent assault within 45 minutes of receiving the report. The suspect is identified Melvin Allison, 51. Allison's last known address was in Jackson County but is believed to be homeless. Allison was arrested and charged with Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Aggravated Sodomy, Sexual Battery, and Battery.

The investigation is ongoing and anybody that has information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Schmidt at daniel.schmidt@accgov.com or (762) 400-7308.

Anyone that has been affected by sexual assault can receive support by contacting The Cottage at (877) 363-1912.

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