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Suspect Arrested After Shots Fired and Assault

On Tuesday January 3, 2012 the Tuscarawas County 911 Center received a call regarding a male subject who was threatening and assaulting another male at 3600 St. Rt. 258 Oxford Twp. Near Newcomerstown. The caller also reported that a male had fired shots near the residence.

Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives responded advising Newcomerstown P.D. to be on the look out for a green Tracker vehicle that was reported to have left the scene with three people inside it and headed into town on St. Rt. 258. Newcomerstown Police Chief Gary Holland and another officer stopped the suspect vehicle in the 500 block of East State Street holding the three male persons until deputies and detectives arrived. A .22 revolver was recovered from the vehicle.

Through further investigation of the complaint it was determined that a male identified as John T. Gunn (25) of 473 "A" Martin Luther King Drive Newcomerstown entered a camper trailer at 3600 St. Rt. 258 Oxford Twp. where the handgun was fired twice and the victim was physically assaulted. After speaking with numerous individuals and the suspect investigators believe the incident occurred over illegal drugs and stolen drug money. The suspect stated he was missing \$100 and believed the victim was responsible for taking the money. Gunn admitted he went to the residence to locate the victim in an effort to confront him about the alleged stolen drug money also admitting that he fired the weapon to awaken the victim as well as induce panic prior before entering the camper trailer. The suspect also admitted assaulting the victim after he entered the camper.

John T. Gunn was arrested by Detective Jeff Moore and transported to the Tuscarawas County Jail where he is being held pending formal felony charges. The two other individuals were questioned and released pending the Tuscarawas County Prosecutor's review of the entire case and all persons involved.

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