

Suspect arrested during shoplifting incident at Walmart faces assault charge

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A male suspect arrested during an alleged shop-lifting incident at Wal-Mart in Scottsburg now faces an assault charge in addition to other charges.

Seth Reed Wimpee, 20, and his friend, Taylor D. Cutshall, 20, both of Madison, were taken into custody after several officers were called to the Wal-Mart store on State Road 56 West a few minutes after 11:30 p.m. on October 25.

Sgt. Herald related in the probable cause affidavit that he, Patrolman Travis Rutherford, Deputies Joe Johnson and James Shelton and Reserve Deputies Jessie Bruck and Keith Young all went to the store to handle what they had been told were four shoplifters.

When they arrived, they were advised by store personnel that a young male had already left the store and was seated in a red Mustang in the parking lot. He had allegedly taken a jacket without paying for it.

Sgt. Herald said he and other officers approached the car and asked the passenger to get out. The man began yelling, saying he had not stolen anything, the officer said. The young man, later identified as Wimpee, appeared to be intoxicated, the officer observed.

When Wimpee started to move away, Sgt. Herald attempted to place him under arrest for public intoxication. Wimpee reportedly began to jump onto another vehicle but was tackled by officers. He then head-butted Deputy Johnson and then allegedly continued to fight and struggle. Sgt. Herald said the man screamed at them, telling them he had six years of martial arts experience, among other comments.

He was subdued, handcuffed and shackled and transported to the Scott County Security Center.

Two other people with Wimpee were released at the scene. Information was taken from an Angola man whose vehicle had sustained damage during the incident.

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Upon his arrival at the jail, Wimpee allegedly began punching himself in the face, screaming that he was going to sue officers for beating him up. He was placed in a restraint chair for his safety.

At 12:17 a.m., officers were called back to the Wal-Mart. This time, store personnel had detained a young woman, Taylor D. Cutshall, 20, of Madison, who was apparently Wimpee's girlfriend. She had reportedly taken fabric and craft items.

Ptl. Rutherford transported Cutshall to the jail and obtained her statement. The young woman allegedly told him that "...she was stealing stuff to make a scrapbook for her grandmother because she was going to prison soon."

On October 28, both suspects appeared in Scott Superior Court. Preliminary not guilty pleas were entered for each. Wimpee is charged with Class D felonies battery to a law enforcement officer and theft as well as Class A misdemeanors fleeing a police officer and resisting law enforcement, and a Class B misdemeanor of public intoxication.

Cutshall is charged with Class D felony theft.

Both now have jury trial dates of March 6, and both are being represented by a public defender.

On separate bail revocation hearings scheduled, Cutshall has a hearing on November 21, while Wimpee's hearing is set for December 5.

Both remain incarcerated.