

On Tuesday, April 2, the Salem Police Department arrested James W. Smith and charged him with robbery, a Class B Felony and intimidation, a Class C Felony.

The charges stem from Smith's alleged involvement in a robbery that took place at the Sprint gas station, located in Salem on South Main Street, in the early morning hours of Easter Sunday.

According to a press release from the Salem Police Department, officers were dispatched to Sprint at 1:27 a.m. and were on the scene by 1:30 a.m.

Once officers arrived on the scene, the press release said, it was reported to them that a white male had entered the store previously and had asked the cashier if he could use the restroom.

He returned from the restroom a short while later and once there were no other customers in the store, he displayed a knife and took \$600 in cash. He fled on foot and a customer who was in the parking lot at the site the suspect fled called 911.

Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect.

During the course of the investigation, officers received information from eyewitnesses and video evidence that lead to a search warrant. The warrant was executed at Smith's house on North Main Street.

During the execution of the warrant, the press release said items were found that directly linked Smith to the robbery.

Smith was arrested and transported to the Washington County Detention Center.

The press release said no additional arrests are expected as it's their belief that Smith acted alone.

Smith is still incarcerated in the WCDT.