



## Press Release

**Date:** August 23, 2016

**Re:** Armed Robbery Update

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, the Neenah Police Department, and the Village of Fox Crossing Police Department will be requesting charge of six (6) counts of Armed Robbery for Phillip A. Thomas, 24, of Neenah. These counts are in reference to a series of convenience store robberies that occurred in May and June of 2016. In all of the robberies, the suspect displayed handgun and targeted cash and cigarettes.

The robberies included within the six (6) requested counts are as follows:

- BP Gas station on Commercial St, City of Neenah on May 26th and June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Neenah BP Station on CTH O, Town of Neenah, Winnebago County on June 2nd
- BB Convenience Center on American Drive, Village of Fox Crossing on June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Bay Area Citgo on Main St, City of Neenah on June 10th and June 16<sup>th</sup>

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Neenah Police Department and Village of Fox Crossing Police Department, served a search warrant at Phillip Thomas' residence at the Valley Inn. At that time, Thomas was taken into custody for a probation violation and has remained in-custody since that date while the investigation into the robberies was ongoing.

The requested charges are a culmination of a thorough multi-agency investigation that followed evidence in and out of Winnebago County. Citizen witnesses and tipsters provided crucial, key information that assisted investigators in identifying the suspect. Investigators from the Neenah Police Department, Village of Fox Crossing Police Department, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office jointly worked to probe numerous tips and coordinated evidential information to piece together these cases. The communication and cooperation between law enforcement agencies was essential in identifying Thomas and gathering the evidence to request charges.

This series of events is an excellent example of how citizens within Winnebago County can be a part of the solution. The Neenah Police Department, Village of Fox Crossing Police Department, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office thank all of the citizens who provided information during the course of these investigations.

The armed robbery at the BB Convenience Center on American Drive on June 2<sup>nd</sup> is still under investigation, and anyone with information related to that case should contact the Village of Fox Crossing Police Department at 920-720-7109.

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