

East Tennessee State University Police Department

Incident # 160928-019

Location: 344 J L Seehorn Rd Borchuck Plaza Johnson City, TN 37614	District: Zone 1
Reported: 09/28/2016 12:17	Occurred: 09/28/2016 11:00 - 11:32
Officer(s): Reporting: Tim Anderson (177), Car # 64	Submitted: 09/28/2016 15:06

Offenses (1)

90Z All Other Offenses

Gang Activity: None/Unknown
Drug Related: No

Bias Motivation: None
Status: Completed

Complainant

Smith, Wilma

Sex: Female
DOB/Age Range: 50
Address: Street Address Redacted
Johnson City, TN, 37601-3744

Race: Black
Drivers License: Unknown

Victims (1)

Society, Society

Sex: Male
Address:

Race: Black

Witnesses (2)

Grimes, Jaylen

Sex: Male
DOB/Age Range: 19
Address: Street Address Redacted
Chattanooga, TN, 37421-1037

Race: Black
Drivers License: Unknown

Madison, Thomas

Sex: Male
DOB/Age Range: 24
Address: Street Address Redacted
Jonesborough, TN, 37659-1017

Race: Black
Drivers License: Unknown

Arrests (1)

Rettke, Tristan

Type of Arrest: On-View Arrest
Arrest Location: 344 J L Seehorn Rd, Borchuck Plaza
Johnson City, TN

Arrestee Type: Adult
Arrest Date/Time: 09/28/2016 13:27
Arresting Officer: Tim Anderson

Narrative: [\(show/hide\)](#)

Count	TCA Code	TCA Description	TIBRS Code
1	39-17-309 (b)(1-2)	Civil Rights Intimidation	90Z

Signatures: [\(show/hide\)](#)

Narrative/Case Notes (1)

On 09/28/2016 at 11:33 hours, Officer Tim Anderson (177) responded to a Disorderly Conduct or Fighting at 344 J L Seehorn Rd at Borchuck Plaza. Dispatch advised that there was a "Black Lives Matter" event at Borchuck Plaza and that the complainant Wilma Smith had contacted Public Safety to advise that there was a person causing a problem. Upon arrival I observed a subject wearing blue jean coveralls, a white tee shirt and black gorilla mask. The subject had a brown burlap sack that had a rebel flag, and a marijuana leaf on it. The male had a rope and bananas which he was holding out to the students that were protesting. Contact was made with the subject who was identified as the suspect Tristan Rettke, who was detained and transported to the Public Safety Office. Post Miranda, Mr. Rettke stated that a couple of days ago he saw on Yik Yak social media site that "Black Lives Matter" was having an event in the "Free Speech" area of Borchuck Plaza. Mr. Rettke advised that he went to the store

yesterday to purchase rope to tie to a bunch of bananas. While there he saw and purchased a gorilla's mask. Today Mr. Rettke said he dressed in coveralls and a white tee-shirt. He stated that he wore the gorilla mask, had a bunch of bananas hanging from a rope, and carrying a burlap sack that had a rebel flag and a marijuana leaf in an attempt to provoke the "Black Lives Matter" protesters. After discussion with my supervisors, other campus administration, and the District Attorney General's office, it was decided that Mr. Rettke would be charged with TCA 39-17-309 Civil Rights Intimidation. Mr. Rettke was arrested and transported to booking without incident.

Notes & Documents

Date/Time	Added By	Related Item	Note/Document Description	Document
No notes available				

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