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Robbery Suspect Apprehended

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at approximately 2:40 P.M. officers with the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) and detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division responded to a Robbery complaint at 304 East 4th Street (River's Edge Tobacco Outlet). During the course of the investigation, surveillance video and witness statements were obtained leading to the determination that the suspect had committed a theft at another business prior to the robbery.

Officers along with our K-9 Unit canvassed the area and located clothing worn by the suspect in the robbery as well as items taken in the theft. The OPD Evidence Collection Unit processed items collected by officers for latent fingerprints. OPD Latent Print Examiners identified Maurice Watkins (47 Years old of Owensboro) as the suspect in the robbery and an arrest warrant was obtained.

On Friday, March 24, 2023, Watkins was arrested on the warrant and charged with Robbery 2nd Degree. On Monday, March 27, 2023, detectives also charged Watkins with Theft by Unlawful Taking – Shoplifting U/$500. Watkins is currently lodged at the Daviess County Detention Center.

Watkins has previously been charged with:
- Robbery 1st Degree
- Robbery 2nd Degree (4 counts)
- Theft by Unlawful Taking – Shoplifting
- Resisting Arrest