



# Owensboro Police Department

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Evansville Man Charged in Thefts**

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 12:48 A.M., Officers with the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) responded to the 3400 Block of New Hartford Road in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Officers were advised three male subjects were in the area busting out vehicle windows. Officers were able to determine through their investigation that two firearms and ammunition were stolen from a vehicle. Approximately an hour later, the Daviess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) responded to the 3700 Block of Ralph Avenue for a suspicious vehicle and apprehended a male subject following a foot pursuit. Additional suspects fled the scene in a vehicle. A short time later, a vehicle was reported stolen to the OPD; that stolen vehicle was positively identified as the vehicle that fled from the DCSO.

Detectives from the OPD Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene, and worked in conjunction with the DCSO. Detectives interviewed the suspect, canvassed the area, obtained security camera footage, and were able to link the suspect with the call on New Hartford Road.

OPD Detectives charged James Mitchell Jr. (20 years old from Evansville, Indiana) with the following charges in reference to multiple cases:

- Theft of a Firearm (2 Counts)
- Theft of Auto over \$1,000 less than \$10,000
- Theft of Contents from a Vehicle over \$500 less than \$1,000 (2 Counts)
- Theft of Contents from a Vehicle (4 Counts)
- Theft of a Controlled Substance Under \$10,000
- Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Anyone with additional information can call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.