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Suspect Arrested After Fleeing From Robbery

Kettering- John W. Howard, age 29 of Fairborn was arrested by Kettering Police at approximately 11:30 p.m. last night.

Howard reportedly entered the BP at 2361 Smithville Rd. and robbed the clerk. According to the clerk, Howard passed her a note, spoke briefly and stated that he had a gun. The clerk complied and Howard calmly walked out of the business with the money. Nobody was hurt during the robbery.

Minutes after the robbery, officers flooded the area and based on the description provided, located Howard on Smithville Rd. at Ashland Av. in Dayton. He was taken into custody without incident. \$250.00 was recovered from Howard's front pocket.

Officers immediately noticed that Howard matched the description of the suspect in two other burglaries that occurred in Kettering within the last twenty four hours. Howard is believed to have robbed the clerks at the gas stations after pushing an unknown object into their backs. Video surveillance and still photographs of Howard before and after the robberies was released to local media outlets.

Howard can also be linked to several robberies in Dayton over the past 48 hours. He is being held in the Kettering Jail. Formal charges are pending approval by the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.

A booking photo of Howard may be obtained by contacting Ptl. Michael Burke at 296-2458.

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