



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 15-2119

On February 8, 2015 at 9:22 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety officers responded to the 6100 block of S. Westnedge for a report of an unarmed robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim, an 84-year-old Portage woman, who advised that, as she was walking in the parking lot near Barnes and Noble, the suspect approached her, grabbed her purse, and then ran northbound.

A Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety K9 unit was called to the scene and attempted to track the suspect; however, the suspect was not located at that time. The purse was recovered a short distance away, and it was determined that cash had been removed.

At approximately 12:15 p.m., a Portage Department of Public Safety officer spotted a subject matching the suspect description in the 5500 block of S. Westnedge. Upon making contact with the 22-year-old Holland man, he confessed to the robbery and was taken into custody.

The victim was not injured during the incident, and the suspect will be held at the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department for Unarmed Robbery.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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