



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Case No. 17-34234

On December 10, 2017 at approximately 7:22 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Police and Fire/Rescue units responded to the Woodbridge C Store Gas Station, located in the 4400 block of W. Centre Avenue, for a report of an accident. Once on scene, officers located an unoccupied vehicle that had crashed into a gas pump as well as the building. Witnesses indicated that the young male driver had fled from the vehicle on foot after the crash. A short time later, an officer located a 17-year-old Portage resident in the 7900 block of Angling Road, who was believed to be the driver. Although initially cooperative with the officer, the subject eventually became combative and delusional. While trying to determine if the subject needed medical care, he assaulted the officer and jumped into the driver's seat of the officer's patrol car in an attempt to flee. He was then forcibly removed from the patrol car and subdued with a Taser. Multiple officers assisted in restraining the subject until he could be transported to the hospital for evaluation. None of the officers or the suspect sustained serious injuries. The case remains under investigation, and charges are pending.

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](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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