



BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION / NARCOTICS DIVISION

PRESS RELEASE

Name: JOHNNY REED GUM
DOB: 04/21/1978 **Age:** 45
Race: White **Sex:** Male
Address: 1124 12th Street NE, Hickory
Charges: Felonious Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon
Bond: 48-hour hold (No Bond)
Court Date: 11/02/2023



Details:

On October 31, 2023, Burke County deputies responded to an armed robbery call at the Dollar General in Rhodhiss, NC. The suspect displayed what appeared to be a handgun to the clerks and demanded money. The suspect got away with an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes.

During the investigation, Burke County deputies were able to identify the suspect as Johnny Reed Gum.

On November 1, 2023, the Hickory Police Department took Johnny Gum into custody without incident.

A search warrant was executed at Gum's residence located at 1124 12th Street NE Hickory, and evidence was seized that was related to the crime. Gum was transported to the Burke County Magistrate's Office where he was given a 48-hour hold (no bond), in which a district or superior court judge will set his bond requirements. Gum was placed in the Burke County Jail.

On June 26, 2023, Johnny Gum was charged with Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon and the case is pending Grand Jury indictment in Catawba County. The investigation continues, and the findings will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office for felony prosecution.

Agencies Involved:

Burke County Sheriff's Office
Hickory Police Department

November 2, 2023