

## **Office of Ross County Sheriff**

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## **News Release**

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office responded to 7489 Charleston Pike (Harrison Township Fire Department) shortly after midnight in reference to a Breaking and Entering.

Deputies arrived and spoke with a Harrison Township Trustee. Deputies were able to view surveillance video that showed a male walk onto the lot of the Fire Department and break a window on the North side of the building and gain entry. The video also shows the suspect raise an overhead door in the building and drive off in a Kenworth Fire Truck owned by the township.

At the same time the Sheriff's Office was investigating this incident the State Patrol was investigating a traffic crash involving the fire truck on Charleston Pike just east of the Fire Department. The driver of the fire truck matched the description of the male on the surveillance video. The male suspect was flown by helicopter to O.S.U. for injuries sustained in the crash. At the time of this press release he had not been identified and was considered a John Doe. Attempts are being made by the Ross County Sheriff's Office and the State Patrol to identify him.

Several pieces of evidence were collected from both scenes and the investigation is ongoing by both agencies. Charges are pending the identification of the suspect.

Further details will be released as they become available.