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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

5/6/2019

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Assault with Intent to Murder, Armed Robbery, Attempted Abduction

DATE: Sunday, May 05, 2019

TIME: 1:42 PM

LOCATION: 3800 Block of Carpenter Rd, Pittsfield Twp.

POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER: 19-6873

INFORMATION: Pittsfield Police responded to a report of an armed robbery with a knife at the above location and above date/time. The suspect approached a 35 year old female victim and her 7 year old daughter (both of Ypsilanti Township), as they were putting groceries into their car. The suspect grabbed the child and placed a large knife to the girl's throat; while demanding the mother get into her vehicle or he would kill her daughter. Witnesses began verbally addressing the suspect. The victims were then able to flee; unharmed. The suspect stole the victim's wallet from the shopping cart and fled on foot towards Ellsworth Rd. Pittsfield Police K9 initiated a track that recovered evidence from the suspect and the victim's property. Continuing investigation led to the identification of the suspect and established probable cause for his arrest. The current whereabouts of the suspect are unknown.

SUSPECT(S): Melvin Francis Sroufe, 57 year old male, Washtenaw County Resident

UPDATE: On 5/6/19 at 8:30 pm, Melvin Sroufe surrendered himself to authorities and is in custody at the Washtenaw County Jail pending review of charges by the Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and arraignment. Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety would like to express our thanks to media outlets and those who provided information.



ADDITIONAL:

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pittsfield Township Police Department:

- Confidential TIP line: 734-822-4958 (Detective Bureau)
- General Information: 734-822-4911 (Front Desk)
- Request Police Response: 734-994-2911 (Metro Dispatch)

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