



Tupelo Police Department

Press Release

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Felony Malicious Mischief Charges Filed

On 12-14-2022 at approximately 9:30 pm TPD was called to the Cracker Barrel at 1270 Cross Creek Drive for a disturbance. Officers arrived to find that multiple windows had been broken from the building. An employee vehicle had also been vandalized. Employees on scene gave Officers a description of a black male wearing gray clothing as a possible suspect.

Officers quickly located a suspect matching that description in the vicinity. The suspect, Gregory Payne (57 y/o male, Tupelo) had cuts on his hand consistent with injuries from broken glass. Once cleared by medics he was transported to Lee County SO. Investigators learned that Payne was a former employee who had been asked to leave the restaurant earlier in the evening for harassing customers.

On 12-16-2022 Tupelo Municipal Court Judge Sumner set bond at \$25,000 for Felony Malicious Mischief. This case will be presented to the Lee County Grand Jury.

