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Arrest made in Georgetown Pharmacy Armed Robbery.

Exactly one week and nearly at the same hour of its occurrence an arrest has been made in the armed robbery of Donohoo's Pharmacy in Georgetown. On February 4th, 2008 at approximately 6:27 PM a male subject entered Donohoo's Pharmacy, located on South Main Street in downtown Georgetown. The subject was wearing a hooded sweat shirt and a mask. He was armed with what appeared to be a black hand gun. The subject demanded Narcotics, but the owner of the Pharmacy refused to give him any. After making several threats to shoot the owner, the suspect went to the front register and stole the day's receipts. He then fled the store on foot to an awaiting car on one of the side streets.

Georgetown Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies and Ohio State Highway Patrolmen took part in a search for the suspect, but were unable to locate him at that time. Sheriff's K-9 Officer Dave Johnson did a track with his dog and was able to determine the route the suspect had taken, but the suspect had already left the area. The K-9 led the officers to a building in Georgetown which was searched. It was later determined through the investigation that the suspect and an accomplice had in fact traveled this route.

Numerous leads were followed up on by the Georgetown Police Department during the following week. We had several different names come to our attention and each one was thoroughly checked out, said Georgetown Police Chief Buddy Coburn. During the following week an attempted armed robbery and a successful armed robbery occurred out in the county. The information we were gathering led us to believe all three cases were related, said Coburn. The Georgetown Police Department and the Brown County Sheriff's Department worked closely on these leads and on February 10th Georgetown Police Officers Cpl. Bobby Gifford and Ptl. Scott Peskin were able to get the key information needed to confirm the identity of the person who committed the robbery. Gifford and Peskin contacted Chief Coburn and relayed their findings to him. Both Gifford and Peskin had just started their shift at 6:00 PM when they received the key info. They spent the entire night working the case and following up on additional information they were uncovering. By 10:00 AM on February 11th they had established who the suspect was along with his accomplice. The officers and Coburn continued to work the case until the location of the suspect was established. The information we obtained led us to believe he was in a residence in Higginsport and would be picked up by another individual some time after 4:00 PM on Monday afternoon, said Coburn. Chief Coburn, Officer Peskin and Detectives Greg Hensley and Carl Smith of the Brown



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County Sheriff's Department ran surveillance on the residence. An individual picked up the suspect and proceeded towards Georgetown on St. Rt. 221. The officers followed the vehicle and observed it stop at the spillway at the old water plant just south of Georgetown. The suspect was observed getting into the trunk of the vehicle at that time. When the vehicle entered Georgetown, Cpl. Gifford and Ptl Vicky Coburn initiated a traffic stop in the parking lot of Seips Auto Parts. The driver was taken into custody and then the officers removed the suspect from the trunk at gun point. We knew he had a hand gun during the robbery's, but fortunately he was unarmed when we got him, Chief Coburn said. Also assisting on the arrest of the suspect were Georgetown Police Captain Jim Lewis, Sgt. Rob Freeland and Ptl. Kyle Singleton.

The Suspect, Zachary A. Cox, 18 years of age, who had a Felicity address, was transported to the Brown County Adult Detention Center. Chief Coburn said, Cox will be charged with the Donohoo Pharmacy armed robbery by the Georgetown Police Department and any additional charges will be done through the Sheriff's Department.

Chief Coburn stated, I want to commend Cpl. Gifford and Ptl. Peskin for the outstanding effort they put forth in solving this case. These two officers worked well over 24 hours straight solving this. Several other Georgetown Officers worked hard gathering information and following up leads and we worked very closely with the Sheriff's Department. When departments share their resources and efforts positive results can be attained. When the robbery occurred the response from the Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol was outstanding.