



# **SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Robbery Arrests**

On March 26, 2017, the Summit County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of a robbery that occurred at the Acme located at 3235 Manchester Road in Coventry Township. According to reports, at approximately 6:40 p.m., a male suspect attempted to exit the store with a grocery cart full of food items. The suspect was confronted by the store's security personnel and the suspect subsequently became engaged in a physical altercation with the two Loss Prevention Specialists. The suspect dropped a hat, cell phone, and watch during the altercation. All of the items were recovered by responding deputies. The cart containing the food items was recovered in the parking lot. The suspect got into a vehicle driven by a female suspect and fled the scene.

Deputies were able to get descriptions of the suspect, his vehicle, and the driver of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was identified as Jeffrey Higgins and the driver of the vehicle was identified as Brittany Varnes.

Later that evening, the suspects were located at a residence in Akron. Jeffrey Scott Higgins, age 31 of Alliance was arrested and charged with Robbery (F-2) and Brittany J. Varnes, age 27 of Lake Township was arrested and charged with Complicity (F-3). They were both booked into the Summit County Jail.