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Arrest made in 2021 Mr. J's robbery

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department has arrested Dakota Shull, 28, of Harrisonburg, for robbery, breaking and entering, grand larceny and wearing a mask to conceal his identity following an incident last year.

Shull is accused of breaking through the front glass door of the Mr. J's Bagels, 1731 South High St., at approximately 4:45 a.m. on Nov. 16, 2021, before jumping the counter and being approached by a lone employee. The witness stated that Shull, armed with a tire iron, slammed it against a table and demanded the store safe before fleeing with the safe through the back door.

A series of other breaking and entering incidents also occurred in Bridgewater, Broadway and other parts of Rockingham County around this same date. Detectives from HPD's Major Crimes Unit worked together with those agencies and on November 23, 2021, HPD executed a search warrant on Shull's vehicle. Evidence was located which connected Shull to several breaking and entering incidents, including the case HPD was investigating. The results of DNA evidence submitted by HPD recently returned, prompting the charges.

Shull is currently being held at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREFORE, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY



Pictured above: Dakota Shull

Approved for release by: Captain Jason Kidd

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