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## Flint Man Charged in Shooting of State Trooper

**FLINT** - Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged a 34-year-old Flint man with four felonies in relation to an incident early Wednesday morning that sent a Michigan State Police trooper to the hospital after being shot in the stomach.

Bobby Wells, Jr., 34 (d.o.b. 8-23-77), of Flint, is charged with:

- Count 1: Carrying a Concealed Weapon  
Felony: maximum penalty of 5 years in prison
- Count 2: Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer Causing Injury  
Felony: maximum penalty of 4 years in prison
- Count 3: Felony Firearm  
Felony: mandatory 2 years in prison consecutive to sentence of underlying felony
- Count 4: Careless Discharge of Firearm Causing Injury or Death  
Circuit Court Misdemeanor: maximum incarceration of 2 years

State troopers had been responding to a call at Brothers Food Store on Saginaw Street, near Stewart Avenue, in Flint shortly after midnight, April 4<sup>th</sup>. When troopers arrived, they approached one suspect while the other, Wells, took off running. During the foot chase that ensued, one of the troopers was shot in the stomach. The trooper was taken to a local hospital and treated for his injuries but has since been released.

"This case highlights the danger our police officers face every day as they patrol our streets and neighborhoods, working hard to fight crime and protect our citizens," said Prosecutor Leyton.

"The residents of Flint and Genesee County owe a debt of gratitude to the work these officers perform under very dangerous conditions. My office will do all it can to see that justice is served in this matter and the defendant is held accountable for his actions," Leyton said.

A pre-trial hearing and preliminary examination will be held in 68<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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