



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Troy Police arrest man who attempted to steal puppy from pet store

Troy, MI - On April 5, 2023, Troy Police officers were dispatched to The Family Puppy located inside Oakland Mall (412 W Fourteen Mile Rd) for an assault report. Dispatch received a 911 call from the store reporting a male subject attempted to take a puppy and assaulted employees in the process.

Upon officer's arrival, employees indicated the subject had fled the store and was in the mall parking lot. Troy Police officers located the male matching the description walking through the lot and attempting to get on a bus. Officers stopped the bus, identified the subject as Lewis Green (51 years-of-age), and detained him for investigation.

The Family Puppy employees advised that Green came into the store asking to play with a Red Mini Poodle. Employees allowed Green time with the puppy in one of their designated playrooms. After a short time, Green exited the playroom with the puppy inside his jacket. An employee stopped Green and retrieved the puppy from him.

Green then grabbed the poodle around its neck and tried to pull the puppy away from the employee. A struggle ensued with Green assaulting two female employees over the puppy. Two customers jumped in to assist and retrieved the puppy. Green then fled the store.

Green was taken into custody by officers and charged with Unarmed Robbery and Animal Torturing. Green was arraigned on both charges on April 6, 2023 in the 52-4 District Court.

The puppy has been checked by a local veterinarian and is currently in stable condition.

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