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NEWS RELEASE

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Chatham County Police Department Arrests Rape Suspect

Victim Attacked Inside Grocery Store

Chatham County, GA (April 28, 2021) – The Chatham County Police Department has arrested a suspect after a woman was attacked and sexually assaulted inside a Berwick grocery store early Tuesday evening.

Chatham County Police detectives have charged 25-year-old Gregory Hathorne with felony rape, felony kidnapping and misdemeanor battery. He is being held in the Chatham County Detention Center.

Chatham County Police Department officers were called to the Kroger grocery store located at 5720 Ogeechee Road on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at approximately 6:30 p.m. to respond to a sexual assault. The victim is an adult female who told police she was attacked and sexually assaulted by a stranger in the Kroger restroom. Witnesses told police they heard the woman's screams, and several people in the store chased the suspect as he attempted to flee the area. The suspect was restrained by citizens in the shopping plaza until police arrived on the scene.

The victim was transported to a local hospital, and is receiving services from the Rape Crisis Center.

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