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On January 27, 2016 at approximately 10:53am, Grinnell Police were dispatched to a reported assault at the Fast Cash business located at 705 West Street. While responding to the scene, additional information was received indicating that this incident was in fact an armed robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, Police discovered the clerk working at Fast Cash had been assaulted by a suspect brandishing a handgun. Additional information provided by the clerk indicated that two suspects had entered the Fast Cash business and one of the suspects brandishing a handgun assaulted the clerk immediately and both suspects then proceeded behind the counter where they took an undisclosed amount of cash from the cash register drawers. Both suspects then fled the business southbound on foot.

Grinnell Police developed information along with evidence gathered that led them to a residence at 507 Washington Avenue #1. There, Police were able to take a 17 year old male into custody for his alleged involvement in this Robbery. Police were also able to recover additional evidence at this residence including a handgun believed to have been used in this Robbery.

Police continued to develop information which led to the identification of the second suspect involved in this Robbery. As a result of this investigation, Grinnell Police have charged the following individuals with Robbery in the First Degree, a Class "B" Felony:

- Kyle Shelton Cowart, age 17 of Grinnell.
- Edward David Stokes, age 20 of Marshalltown

Cowart was arrested and processed at the Grinnell Police Department. He was then transported to the Eldora Juvenile Detention Center where he will be held until making his initial appearance in Court.

Stokes remains at large and should be considered armed and dangerous. A warrant for Stokes' arrest has been requested. Anyone with information on this Robbery or the whereabouts of Stokes is asked to contact the Grinnell Police Department at 641-236-2670.

Grinnell Police were assisted by Poweshiek County Sheriff's Deputies.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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