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Drugstore Robbery Suspect Apprehended

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Jacksonville Police have arrested a 22-year old Jacksonville man as a suspect in a robbery at Johnston Drugstore, 2200 Gum Branch Road yesterday afternoon.

Zackary Isaiah Huffman, 22, of 1700 Aerie Court, Apartment 1-G, Jacksonville has been charged with Common Law Robbery (1 count); Trafficking opium (1 count); Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer (1 count); Injury to Personal Property (1 count); and Felony Possession of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance (2 counts).

Witnesses stated that Huffman entered the drugstore at approximately 11:51AM on June 9th wearing a surgical mask over his face. He handed a note to an employee at the pharmacy directing them to give him Oxycodone and Oxycontin and no one would be hurt. The employee placed an undetermined amount of the requested substances in a bag and Huffman fled the scene.

K-9 support from the Onslow County Sheriff's department tracked Huffman through the woods towards the Henderson extension, where he was approached by a Jacksonville Police Officer. When the officer identified himself as the Police, Huffman struck the officer in the face. Huffman was apprehended on the scene and the stolen narcotics were recovered.

"The timely action of the Johnson Drug employees in contacting the Police provided essential information leading to the apprehension of the suspect." stated Chief Mike Yaniero.

Huffman is being held at the Onslow County Jail under a \$112,000 secured bond.

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