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## **USMS Task Force Arrests Durham Top 10 Fugitive With Multiple Warrants**

GREENSBORO, N.C. – Members of the U.S. Marshals Joint Fugitive Task Force for the Middle District of North Carolina today arrested a man wanted in Orange County on multiple warrants, including assault and weapons charges.

Daquan Jermaine Cropps, 21, who was on Durham Crimestoppers October Top 10 list for parole violation and possession of a firearm, was arrested at approximately 1:10 p.m. in Mebane.

On Sept. 21, Orange County Sheriff's Office issued warrants for Cropps, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon, robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. In addition, Cropps had an outstanding warrant for arrest from the state of North Carolina for post-release violation.

On the evening of Sept. 21, the Orange County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call in reference to an armed robbery in the 500 block of Boundbrook Drive in Mebane. According to authorities, Cropps and two other individuals robbed the victim by gunpoint. It is alleged that Cropps pointed the gun at the victim's face and proceeded to hit the victim with the hand gun until they relinquished their personal belongings. The victim's personal property had an approximate value of \$150. Cropps and the two other suspects then fled the scene in a car that had earlier been reported stolen in Mebane. Raleigh police caught one of the suspects, Christopher Singletary, in the eastern district of North Carolina on an unrelated armed robbery case. Investigators are working to identify the third suspect, still at large.

The JFTF developed information placing Cropps in an apartment in the 400 block of North Elizabeth Street. After conducting surveillance, the JFTF surrounded and converged on the residence. Cropps refused to exit the residence when commands were given but eventually surrendered without incident and was taken into custody. He was transported to the Orange County Jail where he is currently being held.

The U.S. Marshals Joint Fugitive Task Force for the Middle District of North Carolina is composed of investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service, Chapel Hill Police Department, Durham Police Department, Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department, Winston-Salem Police Department, Alamance County Sheriff's Office, Orange County Sheriff's Office, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Department of Community Corrections – Probation & Parole and the Department of Homeland Security, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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