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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 2-5-24 at approximately 8:51PM, a white male suspect approached the Village Pantry located at 3301 N. Morrison in Muncie, IN and fired shots from a handgun into the store. The suspect then entered the store and shot the clerk. Officers from multiple agencies immediately flooded the area and tracked the suspect to an apartment located at 3701 N. Marleon apartment 430. After a warrant was obtained, Muncie Police SWAT began a systematic search of the apartment and located Joel Russell (DOB: 5-7-99) armed and hiding inside the residence. Russell was subsequently taken into custody without further incident. The victim of the shooting is currently being treated and the injury does not appear to be life threatening. This incident is still being investigated, but there is no threat to the public at this time and no other suspects are at large.

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