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### **“New Windsor Robbery suspect identified through DNA; arrested”**

**Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, October 27, 2009** ---- Carroll County Sheriff's Detectives have arrested [John Lawrence Ritcey](#) aged 30 of Taneytown in connection with the March 2007 armed robbery of the 7-11 Convenience Store at 2899 New Windsor Road in the Town of New Windsor.

Shortly after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2007, a white male approximately 6'0" tall wearing a green knit cap with a grey mask, blue waist length jacket, blue pants and dark colored boots entered the 7-11 on New Windsor Road armed with a rifle, and demanded money from the cashier. The suspect fled the store on foot with an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency. Deputies following the suspect's footprints on the snow covered ground recovered some of the currency, and the suspect's hat and mask in a nearby yard. No one was injured during the robbery.

This past August, the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division notified Sheriff's Investigators that they had matched the DNA of John Lawrence Ritcey to DNA matter taken from the hat and mask recovered during the armed robbery investigation. The comparison was made using a sample obtained from Ritcey following his arrest and conviction for Felony Battery in Daytona Beach, Florida during late 2007. During September 2009, a second comparison was made using a sample obtained from Ritcey following the service of a search and seizure warrant by investigators.

Following his arrest this morning, Ritcey was transported to Carroll County Central Booking and is awaiting a bail review hearing before the District Court Commissioner on charges of Armed Robbery, Robbery, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault, and Theft - Less than \$500.

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**John Lawrence Ritcey**

