

**Tilton Police Press Release**  
**Armed Robbery – Tilton Shop Express**  
**June 17, 2016**

June 9<sup>th</sup> – NH

Following the Armed Robbery of the Tilton Shop Express 622 Laconia Road on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Tilton Police Department has been working with several agencies, both in state and out of state in an attempt to locate the suspect Ryan Cheney and any other persons involved in the robbery. We began working with the US Marshall's, the NH State Fusion Center, FBI, Plymouth and Concord Police on information and tips received that the suspects had rented a U-Hall van in Concord and left the state.

June 14<sup>th</sup> - MS

Then on June 14<sup>th</sup> we learned that the suspects in the Tilton Armed Robbery had committed another Armed Robbery in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi of the Gas and Go Convenience Store on highway 603. Working with agencies from Mississippi to Florida, we continued to investigate their possible whereabouts, checking each state.

June 17<sup>th</sup> - FL

Then this morning we learned that suspects fitting their description and vehicle description, a U-Hall van, committed a “shots fire Armed Robbery” of the Raceway Gas Station on 9 Mile Road in Pensacola Florida last night. The store video showed the same suspect as the Tilton Shop Express Robbery. “Ryan Cheney” committing the Armed Robbery in Pensacola Florida.

That began a joint investigation between Law Enforcement agencies in all three states, and this afternoon we located the U-Hall vehicle used in the robberies at a hotel in Pensacola FL. Working with agencies from NH and the NH and Florida US Marshall's, Escambia County Sheriffs, Sheriff's Deputies located the suspects at and near the hotel and safely took them into custody.

Arrest

Today Ryan Cheney was arrested for the Armed Robberies in Tilton NH and Pensacola FL. and additional charges for Cheney and others with them are being sought at this time. The investigation is on-going and there will be more charges and individuals charged as we proceed with the investigation.

I feel the investigation was “a great team effort” from New Hampshire, to Mississippi to Florida and I would like to thank Escambia County Sheriffs for all their hard work today to bring the search to a close. The suspects were a danger to the public and Law Enforcement.

Anyone having information or questions on the Tilton Armed Robbery should contact Tilton Police Detectives at 603-286-8207 X 207 or 603-286-4442. Also they can be reach by email at:

[tips@tiltonpd.org](mailto:tips@tiltonpd.org)

Submitted by : Chief Robert Cormier, Tilton Police Department

