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## **Suspect in Dormont Home Invasion Taken into Custody Without Incident**

**Allegheny County** – Joel Hatfield was taken into custody on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 without incident. He is currently lodged at the Allegheny County Jail to await arraignment.

The text of the original release with information on the incident follows:

**Dormont Borough, Allegheny County** – On Sunday December 22, 2019 at approximately 8:45 a.m., the Dormont Police were dispatched to the 1500 block of Kelton Avenue for an attempted home invasion robbery. There they encountered the male lessee of the residence who had been the victim of the attempted robbery.

Detectives from the Allegheny County Police responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that the resident heard noises at the door of his apartment. When he went to investigate, he was confronted by a male who had forced entry into his apartment and was armed with a knife. The resident was armed with a gun and a struggle ensued. During the scuffle the intruder was stuck in the head with the pistol, and a shot was fired by the homeowner, which did not strike the intruder. The intruder then fled the scene.

The identity of the perpetrator has been determined to be 28-year-old Joel Hatfield who is homeless but frequents the Dormont area. He is a white male standing 5'10" tall and weighing approximately 160 lbs. He was last seen wearing a blue and white hooded sweatshirt. He may also have a laceration on his head. Allegheny County Police have secured an arrest warrant for Hatfield and are seeking his whereabouts.



Joel Hatfield

Witnesses also reported that two other unidentified individuals were hiding outside the apartment and fled the area with Hatfield.

Hatfield may be travelling in a grey Chevrolet Cruze with a PA plate - GGA 5422. This vehicle was taken without the owner's permission from South Park Township and was last seen this on December 23 at approximately 12:07 pm in Bethel Park.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call the Allegheny County Police Tipline at **1-833-ALL-TIPS** (1-833-255-8477); callers can remain anonymous. The department can also be reached via its social media sites.

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