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Man accused of having loaded AK-47 in trunk

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A Warren man accused of having a loaded semiautomatic AK-47 in his trunk in Rochester Hills has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon and transporting a loaded rifle in a motor vehicle.

"We don't see AK-47s that often," said Undersheriff Michael McCabe, "but they're not illegal to own."

A 21-year old Troy resident told Sheriff's deputies that sometime on Saturday, he was at Somerset Mall in Troy when he was approached by a man he knew and a second man he didn't know. The second man was Amir Hudson, a 31-year-old Warren resident.

The men told the Troy man they had spoken with a mutual friend, and that friend wanted money owed to him by the Troy man.

Deputies said it appeared that the money was owed as the result of an iPhone moneymaking scheme.

After about five minutes of arguing, the Troy man walked away. Hudson and the other man told him when he arrived at home that night that they would be waiting for him in a Dodge Charger.

The Troy man arrived home about 10:45 p.m. and saw a Charger parked near his home. He drove away and was followed by the Charger.

While driving, he called Troy police, but subsequently drove on Rochester Road out of Troy and into Rochester Hills.

While speaking with Sheriff's Office dispatchers on the phone, he drove near the Sheriff's Rochester Hills station on Barclay Circle but could not locate it.

Both the Troy man and suspects drove to a nearby Sunoco gas station on Rochester Road near M-59 a short distance away.

The Troy driver told deputies that a man — later identified as Hudson — got out of the Charger and approached him with what appeared to be a handgun.

The Troy man then drove off in his car and saw the Charger drive westbound on M-59. He followed the Charger while he stayed on the phone talking with the Sheriff's dispatcher.

Deputies located the vehicles and eventually stopped the Charger on Hamlin Road near Rochester Road. The occupants were ordered out of the vehicle. Hudson was driving and as he exited the Charger, he told deputies that he had a handgun under the seat and a loaded rifle in the trunk. Hudson and the two passengers were brought out of the car.

A Troy police officer who had arrived to assist removed a loaded .40-caliber handgun from under the front seat. Deputies removed a loaded AK-47 semiautomatic rifle from the trunk.

Hudson told deputies he has a license from Pennsylvania to carry a concealed weapon, although deputies said it is not valid because he is a Michigan resident.

Hudson was lodged at the Oakland County Jail. The other two men in the Charger, a 25-year-old Shelby Township resident and a 21-year-old Rochester Hills resident, were released from custody.

Late Monday afternoon, Hudson was arraigned before 52-3 District Court Magistrate Nicholas Camargo on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, a five-year felony, and transporting a loaded rifle in a motor vehicle, a two-year misdemeanor. He was held on \$10,000 cash/surety bond.

"If the AK-47 had been unloaded in the trunk, it would have been legal," McCabe said.

Hudson's pre-exam date is expected to be set by the 52-3 District Court.

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