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Arrest Made in Robbery Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for an arrest in connection to a robbery investigation at Family Dollar (2003 Avenue F).

The suspect has been identified as:
Gilbert Coates, (33), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

The robbery occurred on Sunday, September 20, 2021, at Family Dollar (2003 Avenue F). A male, later identified as Gilbert Coates, entered the business and demanded cash from the sales associate while displaying a firearm. The suspect then fled the location.

Shortly afterward, patrol officers identified the vehicle the suspect was traveling in and attempted to take the suspect into custody when he fled from officers in the vehicle. A short pursuit ensued which ended when the suspect wrecked his vehicle near 31st street North @ 12th Avenue North. The suspect got out on foot and fled from officers onto Interstate 59 South running across several lanes of oncoming traffic. Officers were able to take the suspect into custody on Interstate 59 North near the 31st street North on-ramp.

Birmingham Police Detectives presented information on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a warrant for **Robbery 1st Degree**.

Gilbert Coates will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County jail with a **\$60,000 bond**.

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