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Suspect Crashes Car into Gas Station, Steals Safe Before Arrest

JASPER COUNTY, S.C. — Around 3:00 a.m. on August 24, 2025, Jasper County deputies responded to an alarm at the Shell Gas Station on Point South Drive. Deputies found the front of the store had been rammed by a red Kia Optima, and the suspect had stolen the store's safe.

The vehicle was later involved in a pursuit with Yemassee Police, who apprehended the driver. Detectives identified him through surveillance footage as the same suspect in the burglary.

The suspect, **Justin Bessinger**, is being held at the Hampton County Detention Center awaiting extradition to Jasper County on charges of **Burglary 2nd Degree, Malicious Injury to Property, and Petit Larceny**.

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