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On February 21, 2018 at about 3:17pm, Officer Dean Schmidt, of the Wharton Police, responded to the Wharton Public Schools for a report of an assault. Upon arrival, patrols found that a male suspect assaulted a school official on the school property during dismissal. The suspect then left the area in a black Jeep Cherokee traveling east on East Central Avenue. Multiple witnesses came forward with detailed information about the suspect and the vehicle which led to the quick identification of the suspect. The victim was treated at a local hospital after being examined by the Morris County EMS Ambulance. The investigating officers were unable to locate the suspect immediately following the assault. On February 22, 2018 at about 8pm, Detective Robert Lupia, of the Wharton Police Department, charged the assailant with one count of Aggravated Assault. The charge was placed on a warrant and the defendant is currently in police custody. The Wharton Police would like to thank those individuals who came forward with information pertaining to this case.