

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** \_\_\_\_\_

July 29, 2019



**Contact:**

Tim Kelley

Office: 757.514.4103

Mobile: 757.871.3039

## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (July 29, 2019) – Suffolk Police advise that Deric Simons, age 19 of Chesapeake, Virginia, has been charged with four counts of Robbery, four counts of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, four counts of Wearing a Mask, four counts of Possession of Burglary Tools, and three counts of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery.

The related incidents include the 7-Eleven robbery on July 23, 2019 in the 800 block of Carolina Road, the Raceway robbery on July 23, 2019 in the 1200 block of Portsmouth Boulevard, the 7-Eleven robbery on April 15, 2019 in the 6400 block of Hampton Roads Parkway, and the Sprint store robbery on July 18, 2019 in the 1000 block of University Boulevard.

Simons is currently being held in the Virginia Beach City Jail. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are pending.

### **SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATING TWO COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERIES**

SUFFOLK, VA (July 23, 2019) – Suffolk Police are investigating two commercial armed robberies which occurred this evening, Tuesday, July 23, 2019. The first was reported at 9:14 p.m. at the 711 store located in the 800 block of Carolina Road. The second was reported at 9:58 p.m. at the Raceway store located in the 1200 block of Portsmouth Boulevard.

Suffolk Police note that the preliminary investigation determined that the two incidents are believed to be connected. In both robberies, there were two suspects, both of whom displayed handguns, and were described as being black males with medium complexions and between 5'6" and 5'9" tall. The taller of the two suspects was described as being slender with a muscular build.

In both incidents, the suspects took an undisclosed amount of money and fled the scene in a vehicle of undetermined make and model. No injuries were reported in either incident. The investigations are ongoing.

Anyone who has information is asked to contact Suffolk Police or Suffolk Crime Line. To submit online, go to [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com), visit the Suffolk Police Department website ([www.suffolkva.us/spd](http://www.suffolkva.us/spd)) and look for the Suffolk Crime Line link, or go to the Suffolk Police Department Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment](http://www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment). You can also call 888-LOCK-U-UP, 1-888-562-5887, Option 5. Once a person submits a tip, they will be given a TIP ID and password. With this information they can login at p3tips.com and submit follow-up information, engage in two-way dialogue, be informed of the outcome of the tip, and access any pertinent reward information.

###