

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 31, 2016) Suffolk Police advise that an arrest has been made in the Strong Armed Robbery of an elderly female shopper that occurred Monday afternoon and would like to thank the public for their assistance following the release of surveillance video photos earlier today.

Gregory Lee Lassiter, age 34, of Suffolk, was arrested earlier this evening and has been charged with Robbery, Identity Theft, Criminally Receiving Goods/Services Fraudulently, Credit Card Theft, Credit Card Forgery and Credit Card Fraud. He is currently being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond. A mug shot is attached.

This is another perfect example of what can be accomplished when the community, the media and law enforcement work as a team utilizing the extremely successful Crime Line program.

The investigation remains ongoing. No further information is available at this time.

## **POLICE INVESTIGATING STRONG ARMED ROBBERY**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 29, 2016) Suffolk Police are investigating a strong armed robbery that occurred Monday afternoon, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 2:14 p.m. in the parking lot of Kohls in the 6200 block of College Drive.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident after the victim, a 79 year old female, had her purse forcefully snatched causing her to fall to the ground.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that the victim was shopping with her daughter and after exiting the store was walking to the passenger side of her daughter's vehicle when she was approached by a black male that snatched her purse resulting in her falling to the ground and injuring herself. The subject was further described as approximately 5'8" with a medium build and wearing a white t-shirt. Witnesses advised the subject was seen getting into a 4-door tan vehicle, possibly an older model Toyota Camry, which then sped away and exited the shopping center through the College Drive exit.

The victim received emergency medical assessment and treatment at the scene by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and was ground transported to Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up. When calling Crime Line, callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Citizens can also utilize TipSoft to anonymously submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the [TipSubmit mobile app](#). Tips can be submitted by visiting [www.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips](http://www.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips), or by texting the word "**CRIMES**" (274637) with the keyword **SPDVATIP**. TipSoft also supports users' ability to submit videos or photos using the TipSoft mobile app. If information leads to an arrest, the caller or "tipster" could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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