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SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATING ARMED ROBBERY

SUFFOLK, VA (January 20, 2016) Suffolk Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred at approximately 12:41p.m., Tuesday, January 19th, in the parking lot of the Supreme Park and Shop in the 400 block of E. Washington Street in downtown Suffolk. An Officer was flagged down by a citizen after he found the adult female victim crying in the parking lot.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that the store owner was approached in the parking lot by two black males who demanded her purse at gunpoint. The subjects, believed to be in their late teens to early 20's, were further described as approximately 5'6" to 5'9", one with a medium build wearing a black hooded sweater, blue jeans, and brown Timberland boots with a bandanna over his face, and the second subject had a thin build and was wearing a dark hoodie and blue jeans. Both subjects fled on foot after receiving the purse and an undisclosed amount of currency. There were no injuries.

The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

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, 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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