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SUFFOLK POLICE MAKE ARREST IN VEHICLE THEFT

SUFFOLK, VA (February 25, 2014) The Suffolk Police Department has made an arrest in a vehicle theft which occurred over the weekend, and the subject has also been linked to several incidents of thefts from vehicles which also occurred over the weekend.

On the evening of Saturday, February 22, 2014, a resident in the 5000 block of Hunt Club Chase reported that his Toyota Sienna had been stolen from his driveway in the Steeplechase neighborhood in the area of Bennetts Creek Park Road. The vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside.

During the early morning hours of Sunday, February 23, 2014, officers received a report of a vehicle matching the description of the stolen vehicle operating recklessly. The stolen vehicle was ultimately recovered at the Walgreen's parking lot at the corner of Bridge Road and Shoulders Hill Road. Peter Michael Vanderlinden, age 30, of the 4600 block of Shoulders Hill Road, was located and arrested and charged with Grand Larceny and Possession of Burglary Tools. He was also in possession of various

forms of personal identification that were believed to have been stolen from other vehicles.

Suffolk Police are asking that if any citizens experienced thefts from their unlocked vehicles in the area of Bennetts Creek Park Road during the evening of February 22nd, or morning of February 23rd, that they report the incident by calling the non-emergency number at 923-2350, option 0.

Further, police urge citizens to lock their vehicles and either remove valuables or place them in the trunk to avoid becoming a victim of theft.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be filed.

Vanderlinden is currently being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

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