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POLICE INVESTIGATING COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 23, 2017) Suffolk Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred early this morning, Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at the Shell gas station located in the 3700 block of Bridge Road in Bennett's Creek.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident at 7:13 a.m.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that an unknown white male entered the business, displayed a handgun and took an undetermined amount of currency from a register. The suspect fled on foot immediately following the incident walking towards the Walgreen's located across the street.

The subject is further described as wearing a mask over his face, a dark hooded jacket, khaki pants, white socks and dark shoes. As seen in the surveillance video, he has a distinctive gait and stance.

Police believe that the involved male is potentially the same individual who has recently committed similar offenses in other Hampton Roads cities.

No one was injured during the incident.

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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