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Three Year Old Finds Gun – Possibly Connected to Halted Robbery

SUFFOLK, VA (June 16, 2010) Police believe a gun found by a three-year-old in some ivy on church grounds today could be connected to a halted robbery attempt last night. Just after 9:00 p.m. last night, a female pulled into a bank parking lot at the corner of N. Main and Saratoga St. The female became concerned when she observed three males ducking down by the bushes. All three subjects were wearing bandanas.

Instead of getting out of her car, the woman notified police, giving them a description of the suspicious subjects she observed. Officers arrived on scene and after a foot pursuit were able to successfully apprehend two of the three subjects. Officers searching the area recovered a bandana and a 9mm handgun.

Detectives interviewed the subjects and learned that they had planned to rob the woman once she exited her vehicle. The two subjects, ages 13 and 14, were charged with attempted armed robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery and possession of a firearm by a juvenile. The subjects were detained and are currently being held at Chesapeake Juvenile Intake.

Today at approximately 10:40 a.m., a three-year-old found a handgun in some ivy outside of Suffolk Christian Church located in the 200 blk. of N. Main Street. A teacher observed the child with the handgun. The child dropped it and the teacher retrieved it. Police were notified, responded and took custody of the weapon. Fortunately no one was injured.

Police would like to apprehend the subject that disposed of the weapon and created such a dangerous situation. They are asking for assistance from the public. Anyone that might know the subject who evaded police last night is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up.

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