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Suspect Apprehended After Bank Robbery & Pursuit

Suffolk, VA (May 18, 2009) One subject is in custody after robbing a Chesapeake bank and leading police on a chase into the City of Suffolk. Police have advised that Leonard Roulhac, age 38, of Chesapeake, robbed the Wachovia Bank located in the 3900 blk. of Portsmouth Blvd. in the City of Chesapeake. Chesapeake Police were notified of the robbery at 10:19 a.m.

Approximately six minutes later, Chesapeake Police spotted the suspect vehicle in the area of Hodges Ferry Rd. in the City of Portsmouth. A pursuit ensued. The suspect fled into the City of Suffolk on Rt. 58 and took the downtown Suffolk exit onto Portsmouth Blvd. When the vehicles approached the area of Nansemond Pkwy on Portsmouth Blvd, the suspect vehicle crossed over into oncoming traffic and traveled westbound in the eastbound lanes until reaching the 700 blk. of East Constance Rd, where Chesapeake Police made contact with the suspect vehicle in a vacant lot.

Chesapeake Police report that the suspect, before exiting the vehicle, pointed an object that the officer believed to be a gun at a Chesapeake officer. The suspect then exited the vehicle, began to flee and turned and pointed what the officer now confirmed to be a gun, at the officer. The Chesapeake officer fired one shot with his service weapon. The suspect was not struck and fled into the woods. He was quickly apprehended by Chesapeake Police. There were no injuries.

Suffolk Police responded to assist. A Suffolk K-9 located evidence believed to be from the bank robbery in the wood line. Items recovered include currency, a handgun and a cell phone. Investigation revealed the vehicle the suspect was operating was stolen from the City of Norfolk.

Roulhac was taken to the Suffolk Police Department, where a cooperative investigation between Chesapeake and Suffolk continues this afternoon. Charges are anticipated in both cities.

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