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UPDATE

Suffolk Police have located the suspect in this morning's attempted robberies and assaults. The suspect was apprehended hiding under a house on Day St. He had requested entry to a residence on Pine Street at approximately 11:45, indicating that the police were looking for him. The resident at that location refused to allow him inside and notified police. He was located on Day Street a short time later.

The subject has been identified as Quinton Harrell, age 35 of the 200 blk. of Tynes Street. He has been charged with attempted armed robbery, abduction and malicious wounding in the incident that occurred at McDonalds. Police are still working to connect him to the Church Street incident.

Harrell is currently being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail without bond. Detective David Burke is the lead investigator.

Suffolk Police Investigating Early Morning Robberies

SUFFOLK, Va. (December 7, 2008) –Suffolk Police are currently investigating two early morning attempted robberies, which are believed to have been committed by the same suspect. Police advise that the first incident occurred in the parking lot of McDonalds, located in the 600 blk. of North Main St. Just before 8 a.m., a black male approached the vehicle of a 43 year old female customer. The customer had just exited the drive-thru when the suspect motioned as if he were requesting to know the time. When the victim rolled down her window, the suspect unlocked her door and jumped in her vehicle. He struck the victim in the face several times. He advised that he had a gun

and was going to kill the victim. The victim fought him off and threw her keys out of the vehicle's window. The victim attempted to escape the vehicle, when the suspect forced her back in. The victim was able to blow the vehicle's horn and the suspect fled. The victim received relatively minor facial injuries and was transported to Sentara Obici Hospital for treatment.

Approximately fifteen minutes later, a subject fitting that description kicked in the front door of a residence in the 100 blk. of Church St. The suspect entered the home and demanded money from the home owner. The suspect once again implied that he had a weapon and threatened the victim. The victim, a seventy-nine year old male, fought with the suspect. The victim fell during the struggle and sustained a laceration to the head. The suspect fled out of a rear door. The victim is currently being treated at Sentara Obici for this injury.

The suspect was spotted by police and an officer became involved in a foot pursuit. That officer slipped on a patch of ice and sustained injuries to his knee. The officer was transported to Sentara Obici Hospital for treatment.

The area was searched by the police K-9 unit, but the suspect was able to elude police. He is described as a heavy set, black male. He was approximately 5'10" and in excess of 200 lbs. The suspect was wearing a black shirt or jacket and yellow sweat pants during the McDonalds incident. The suspect's shirt was possibly torn during the Church Street incident.

Anyone with that may have information on this incident or the suspect is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up.

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