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SUFFOLK, Va. (February 20, 2011) – Suffolk Police have placed charges against a man believed to have robbed a local convenience store and are asking for assistance from the public in locating him. Police advise that at just after 10 p.m. Thursday night, a male subject entered the Southern Food Store located in the 800 blk. of W. Constance Rd. The subject grabbed a bottle of Smirnoff and placed in on the store's counter. The subject then went behind the counter, displayed a handgun, and demanded money from the clerk. When she refused his demands to open the register, the man suspected the clerk may have alerted police. The suspect grabbed the bottle and fled the store.

Police have secured felony warrants for Jessie Daniel Blount, age 42, of Suffolk. Blount is being charged with armed robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Police would also like to speak with Randy Chamblee in reference to this crime. Chamblee, age 49, is also of Suffolk. Chamblee has not been charged with any crime at this time.

Anyone that may know either Blount or Chamblee's whereabouts 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. If a caller's information leads to an arrest, the caller could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

Detective Herbert Bruce is the lead investigator on this case.

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