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POLICE INVESTIGATE SERIES OF ROBBERIES

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (December 30, 2010) Suffolk Police are investigating a series of armed robberies and are asking the public for assistance. Police advise that since December 3, 2010, there have been six commercial robberies – five convenience stores and one restaurant – which have some similarities.

Investigators advise that the string of robberies began with the robbery of Sunoco, located in the 2700 blk. of Godwin Blvd. In that incident, two armed men wearing masks entered the store, threatened the clerk with handguns and quickly fled after taking money. Since that incident, five other locations have been robbed by masked duos. Police can't say for certain that the suspects are the same in all of the robberies but do feel several of them are related.

In several of the cases, the suspects have been described as black males, late teens to thirty years old. One of the suspects is usually described as tall and thin, with a light complexion. The second suspect is described as being shorter and stocky, with a dark complexion. In most cases they have worn dark clothing and masks or bandanas covering their faces.

The dates and locations of the robberies are as follows:

12/03/10	Sunoco	2700 Godwin Blvd.
12/11/10	Tom & Jerry's	5933 Godwin Blvd.
12/19/10	Holiday Foods	616 Carolina Rd.
12/22/10	7-Eleven	6020 Godwin Blvd.
12/23/10	Quicky Mart	1309 E. Washington St.
12/28/10	Win Wok	1238 Holland Rd.

Since the first robberies, police have rolled out several proactive activities in an effort to catch the suspects and prevent further robberies, including increased patrol, use of the Reverse 911 system and visiting businesses to offer ways businesses can improve safety and security.

Police are asking that anyone who may have information on any of these robberies 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.

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