

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ARRESTS MADE FOLLOWING MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATION**

SUFFOLK, VA (August 7, 2020) Several individuals have been arrested following a multi-agency investigation. On August 5, 2020, the Norfolk Police Department arrested three subjects for a series of burglaries to convenience stores in the Hampton Roads area. The offenders targeted cigarettes and other merchandise.

As a result of the investigation and arrests, the individuals were also charged with a breaking and entering that occurred in the City of Suffolk during the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Raceway in the 1200 block of Portsmouth Boulevard.

James Edward Carter, age 44; John Edward Parker, Jr., age 52; and Leroy Pope, age 51; all of Norfolk, were each arrested on charges including Breaking and Entering, Grand Larceny, Larceny with the Intent to Sell, Conspiracy to Commit Felony (four charges for each offender), Obtaining Money by False Pretense, and Destruction of Property related to the Raceway incident in our City.

All three men are also connected to commercial burglaries that have taken place in other local cities and are facing additional charges in those jurisdictions as well.

Parker, Pope, and Carter are currently being held in the Norfolk City Jail with no bond.

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