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**ARREST MADE IN ARMED ROBBERY**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 9, 2021) – Suffolk Police have arrested a subject following an Armed Robbery that occurred earlier this morning, Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

An Officer was flagged down at approximately 9:54 a.m. by a citizen following a robbery that had just occurred outside the Sun Trust Bank located in the 100 block of N. Main Street. Officers were able to track the offender to the 100 block of Charles Street, where he was located with the victim's pocketbook. The adult female victim sustained minor injuries after being struck with the offender's firearm and as a result of her pocketbook being physically taken from her.

Markel K. McLaughlin, age 24, of Suffolk, was arrested on charges including Armed Robbery, Use or Display a Firearm in Commission of a Felony, and Destruction of Property. He is currently in custody at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail. Mug shot attached.

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