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TWO SUFFOLK MEN IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING STING OPERATION

SUFFOLK, VA (November 3, 2021) Suffolk Police advise that two Suffolk men are currently in custody following a sting operation that occurred in Suffolk on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

The successful operation was the result of joint efforts by the Suffolk Police Department Criminal Investigations, Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET), SWAT, and extensive assistance and efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Working together, they executed two search warrants in relation to their ongoing investigations of multiple shootings into occupied dwelling incidents, an aggravated assault, and destruction of property incidents over the last several months in the Downtown and South Suffolk areas.

Franco Lamont Brown, age 33, of Suffolk, was arrested on charges including Carrying Concealed Weapon, 1st offense; Convicted Felon (violent) Possess/Transport Firearm (3 counts); and Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.

Andre Maurice Baker, age 33, of Suffolk, was arrested on charge of Convicted Felon (violent) Possess/Transport Firearm.

As a result of these joint efforts, two convicted felons with gang affiliations have been taken into custody, preventing seven (7) firearms from being used on our streets; seizing four (4) additional firearms, along with numerous calibers of ammunition, extended magazines, and items related to narcotics distribution. Additional charges against both subjects are forthcoming. Mug shots are attached.

These multiple investigations remain ongoing at this time, and there is no further information available for release.

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