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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 3, 2022) Suffolk Police advise that a 17 year old male was arrested on December 31, 2021 in connection with the strong armed robbery incident which occurred on Monday, December 27, 2021. The juvenile was charged with Robbery Using Firearm or Displaying a Firearm (F), Possession of Assault or Handgun by Juvenile (M), and Use or Display of Firearm in Commission of Felony (F). No additional information is available for release.

SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATING STRONG ARMED ROBBERY

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 28, 2021) Suffolk Police are investigating a strong armed robbery incident which occurred around 11 a.m., Monday, December 27, 2021, in the 400 block of Bank Street.

Officers responded to the scene and located the victim who advised he had made arrangements to sell a pair of tennis shoes to a buyer through Facebook Messenger. The victim reported that he made contact with the unknown suspect who displayed a firearm and took the shoes before fleeing the scene on foot. The victim was not injured. The suspect was described as a Black Male wearing a black and bleached hoodie and a mask.

The incident remains under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

Suffolk Police would like to note a few safety tips when setting up a meet location for the sale or purchase of merchandise:

- Never meet someone alone; take a friend with you.
- If the buyer or seller is reluctant to give you their name, phone number or wants to meet in a secluded area, do not go to the meeting.
- If at all possible, always meet at a safe meeting location such as a Police Precinct.
- Try to meet in a well-lit and very public place.
- If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Suffolk Police have designated two safe meeting zone locations. One of the safe meeting zone locations is Suffolk Police Headquarters, 111 Henley Place. The Suffolk Police Headquarters lobby is open 24-hours a day and is equipped with video surveillance cameras. The other safe meeting place location is at the Sector II Police Precinct, 3903 Bridge Road in Northern Suffolk. The Precinct II lobby is open Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is also equipped with video surveillance cameras. If you must meet after hours, the Sector II Police Precinct parking lot is well-lit and has video surveillance cameras.

The goal of safe meeting location zones is to reduce the risk of being targeted and possibly becoming a victim, to reduce risky transactions, and to give the public a safer environment to meet and conduct legal transactions.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact Suffolk Police or Suffolk Crime Line. To submit online, go to www.p3tips.com, visit the Suffolk

Police Department website (www.suffolkva.us/spd) and look for the Suffolk Crime Line link, or go to the Suffolk Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment. You can also call 888-LOCK-U-UP, 1-888-562-5887, Option 5. Once a person submits a tip, they will be given a TIP ID and password. With this information they can login at p3tips.com and submit follow-up information, engage in two-way dialogue, be informed of the outcome of the tip, and access any pertinent reward information.

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