

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (February 2, 2016) Suffolk Police advise that an arrest has been made following their investigation into the armed robbery of Rite Aid that occurred on January 17, 2016.

Lawrence Reginald Claar, age 47, of the 100 block of North Street in Suffolk, was arrested on February 1, 2016 on charges of Armed Robbery & Use or Display a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony.

He is currently being held without bond at Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

### **SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATE ARMED ROBBERY OF RITE AID**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 19, 2016) Suffolk Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred at approximately 10:35 p.m., Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Rite Aid located in the 500 block of North Main Street. Emergency Dispatchers were notified of the incident at approximately 10:50 p.m.

The offender, described as an older white male in his 50's to 60's, approximately 5'11" to 6'2", wearing a camouflage coat with a tree pattern, a black and white

Virginia tech hat, black sweat pants with a white stripe down the leg, and black and gray tennis shoes, entered the store and implied he had a weapon and then demanded prescription medication from the pharmacy technician. He then fled the store on foot. There were no injuries.

Photos from the video surveillance accompany this release. The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to 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. Citizens can also utilize TipSoft to anonymously submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the TipSubmit mobile app. Tips can be submitted by visiting [www.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips](http://www.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips), or by texting the word "CRIMES" (274637) with the keyword SPDVATIP. TipSoft also supports users' ability to submit videos or photos using the TipSoft mobile app. If information leads to an arrest, the caller or "tipster" could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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