

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **POLICE MAKE ARREST RELATED TO THEFTS FROM VEHICLES**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 22, 2017) Suffolk Police have arrested an individual related to thefts from vehicles during the early morning hours from residences in the Graystone Reserves neighborhood.

Emergency Communications was made aware at approximately 3:22 a.m. when a concerned citizen advised they had observed three individuals tampering with a neighbor's vehicle in the 2100 block of Redgate Drive. Officers responded and were able to locate two subjects matching the descriptions provided.

Following their preliminary investigation, Khalia Mohammed David, age 22, of Portsmouth, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny, two counts of Tampering with a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of Burglary Tools. The investigation remains ongoing and additional charges may be placed and arrests made.

Due to the quick actions of an observant citizen in contacting Police when criminal activity was seen, Officers were able to apprehend the offender, and they would like to remind all citizens that, "If you see something, say something." Don't rely on others if you see suspicious activity.

The Suffolk Police Department would also like make citizens aware of their “*Lock It...Don't Lose It*” campaign to remind citizens of the three main reasons why residents should always lock their car doors:

1) Loss of valuables is the most obvious reason to lock your door. Thieves look for crimes of opportunity and prime targets are unlocked vehicles with GPS devices and electronics, cell phones, jewelry, weapons, money and other valuables in plain sight.

2) Possible entry to your home. If you leave your doors unlocked with a set of house keys or garage door opener in the glove compartment, it could be easy for the thieves to possibly enter your home, and you could become further victimized.

3) Do it for the neighborhood. While the Suffolk Police Department is happy to know that people feel secure in their neighborhoods, they stress that public safety is a shared responsibility. If we tend to keep our cars or homes unlocked, word gets around and this is an open invitation for possible future crime.

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