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SUFFOLK POLICE DETECTIVE WILLIAM SHOCKLEY HONORED

SUFFOLK, VA (April 27, 2017) Suffolk Police Detective William Shockley received an award at the United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Virginia Public Safety Awards Ceremony in Newport News, Virginia on April 26, 2017 in reference to the case United States v. Sylvester Lipscombe. The hard work and dedication of Detective Shockley and surrounding agencies working on this case lead to the arrest of Lipscombe.

Shortly following his release from federal custody in February 2015, Lipscombe began a crime spree, during which he threatened, robbed, and victimized eighteen store employees at six businesses in three different cities, stealing almost \$9,000 in U.S. currency from multiple locations including a Burger King in Suffolk on September 29, 2015.

When Lipscombe attempted his final robbery in late December of 2015 in Newport News, he entered the Metro PCS store wearing the same outfit that he had worn in each of the other robberies. As he approached the counter and brandished a gun, the clerk drew a firearm and shot Lipscombe in the abdomen. The gun used by Lipscombe was determined to be a pellet gun. Lipscombe was

arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the seven Hobbs Act robberies and two additional years for violating the terms of his supervision. Lipscombe will be more than 70 years old when released.

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