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POLICE INVESTIGATING COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 1, 2017) Suffolk Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred Tuesday evening, February 28, 2017, at the Washington Food Mart located in the 700 block of West Washington Street in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident at 7:58 p.m.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that an unknown adult black male entered the business, displayed a firearm and demanded money. The suspect fled on foot with an undetermined amount of currency.

The subject is further described as possibly 40 years of age, approximately 5'7" tall, and wearing a gray sweat suit, black gloves, and black shoes with white soles.

No one was injured during the incident.

Due to similarities between the armed robbery of the Domino's Pizza in the 500 block of East Constance Road that occurred Monday evening, February 27th, police believe the incidents may be related.

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, 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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