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Media Release


Restaurant Robbery Suspects Arrested



On April 19, 2009, police responded to the report of a suspicious incident at Carini Restaurant located at 3737 Boulevard. An employee of the restaurant encountered several males at the rear of the business as he attempted to place garbage in a dumpster. The employee returned to the inside of the business and locked the rear door.

Pino's Restaurant, located at 3420 Boulevard, reported a robbery 8 minutes later at 9:36 PM. An employee of Pino's exited the rear of the business to take out the trash. Once the rear door was opened, three males entered the business and robbed the employees at gunpoint. The suspects exited the rear door and fled the area on foot.

Colonial Heights Police issued a crime alert to businesses within the city and delivered flyers with crime prevention tips and details about how to respond to a robbery.

Detectives worked with Chesterfield County Police in this investigation and on May 4, 2009, Colonial Heights Police arrested the following three persons responsible for the Carini's incident and Pino's robbery:

<p>Jack JoJo Covello, Jr.</p> <p>W/M, 26 years old 100 block of Roanoke Avenue Colonial Heights, VA.</p> 	<p>Charges:</p> <p>Pinos</p> <p>Armed Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon, Wearing a Mask</p> <p>Carini's</p> <p>Attempted Armed Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon</p>
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<p>Scott Allen Dawson, Jr.</p> <p>W/M, 18 years old 600 block of Hamilton Avenue Colonial Heights, VA.</p> 	<p>Charges:</p> <p>Pinos</p> <p>Armed Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony, Wearing a Mask</p> <p>Carini's</p> <p>Attempted Armed Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony</p>
<p>Christopher Gene Smith</p> <p>W/M, 400 block of Roslyn Avenue Colonial Heights, VA.</p> 	<p>Charges:</p> <p>Pinos</p> <p>Armed Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, Wearing a Mask</p> <p>Carini's</p> <p>Attempted Armed Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery</p>

Covello, Dawson, and Smith were incarcerated in the Riverside Regional Jail. Additional charges are pending.