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Suspects Arrested for Strong Armed Robbery

On December 5, 2008 at 10:45 PM, a patron of Walmart at 671 Southpark Boulevard reported her purse taken by an unknown suspect. As the victim loaded packages into her vehicle, the suspect used an empty shopping cart to ram the victim's cart. Once the victim was distracted, the suspect grabbed her purse from the child seat of the cart. At the time the purse was taken, the victim had the strap wrapped around her wrist.

Fifteen minutes later, a credit card issued to the victim was used at a retailer at Southpark Mall. The suspect in the strong armed robbery and a second person were recorded by store surveillance cameras as they selected merchandise and then used the stolen credit card to pay for the purchase. The video surveillance footage was aired by local television stations. As a result, multiple calls were received by Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers identifying the robbery suspect. As a result of the public's assistance, detectives were able to arrest the following suspects:

Brandon Marcell Scott, 24 years of age
4700 block of Faraday Lane, Chester, VA

Tavarus Devon Blanks, 33 years of age
15000 block of Tinsberry Terrace, Chester, VA.



Both suspects were charged with the following crimes:

Robbery (18.2-58)
Credit Card Theft (18.2-192)
Conspiracy (18.2-22)

Scott and Blanks were incarcerated in the Riverside Regional Jail pending trial.