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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Saturday February 27 at approximately 8:40 p.m. Winchester Police responded to Brothers Pizza located at 699 Fort Collier road to reports of an armed robbery. A delivery driver for the business told officers he observed a young black male near the west side of the business waiving an IPOD phone at him. The victim said he walked toward the male to inquire if someone had lost their phone. The victim said the male then produced a handgun and told him "Give me everything you got". The victim said he immediately ran from the suspect back into the business.

The victim said the suspect then fled on foot in a southbound direction away from the business. The victim described the suspect as a young black male approximately 5'-6" in height wearing a black jacket and a stocking cap. Officers contacted the Frederick County Sheriff's office to ask for assistance from a canine officer. A deputy responding to the scene observed two males running on foot in the area of Baker Lane and Old Dominion Drive. One of the males matched the description of the suspect.

A canine track led officers to the 100 block of Old Dominion Drive where the two male juveniles were located. The victim identified one of the males as being the suspect who had earlier produced a handgun and pointed it at him. The male juvenile suspect was taken into custody and was turned over to the Juvenile Detention Center. He was charged with robbery and conspiracy. The second male juvenile was released to his parents and charges are pending as the investigation continues. Anyone with further information is asked to contact the Winchester Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at 540-545-4707 or Crimesolvers at 540-665-TIPS (8477). This media release was prepared by Sergeant Mark Lahman at 540-545-7548 (office), or 540-974-7415 (cell), or mlahman@ci.winchester.va.us (email).

The Winchester Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life for all people by preventing crime in the city. We will accomplish this by enforcing the law with impartiality, creating partnerships through communication and education, and problem solving using innovative policing strategies.