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UPDATE

Suffolk, VA (May 19, 2009) Leonard Earl Roulhac, of the 1700 block of Bainbridge Blvd., has been charged by Chesapeake Police with one count of burglary, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, one count of wearing a mask in public, one count of use of firearm in the commission of a felony and one count of robbery in connection to yesterday's robbery of Wachovia Bank. Roulhac is being held in Chesapeake without bond.

Suffolk detectives are reviewing the incident with the Commonwealth Attorney in reference to possible charges in Suffolk.

Suspect Apprehended After Bank Robbery & Pursuit

Suffolk, VA (May 18, 2009) One subject is custody after robbing a Chesapeake bank and leading police on a chase into the City of Suffolk. Police advise Leonard Roulhac, age 38, of Chesapeake robbed the Wachovia Bank located in the 3900 blk. of Portsmouth Blvd. in the City of Chesapeake. Chesapeake Police were notified of the robbery at 10:19 a.m.

Approximately six minutes later, Chesapeake Police spotted the suspect vehicle in the area of Hodges Ferry Rd. in the City of Portsmouth. A pursuit ensued. The suspect fled into the City of Suffolk on Rt. 58 and took the downtown Suffolk exit onto Portsmouth Blvd. When the vehicles approached the area of

Nansemond Pkwy on Portsmouth Blvd, the suspect vehicle crossed over into oncoming traffic and was traveled west bound in the east bound lanes until reaching the 700 blk. of East Constance Rd, where Chesapeake Police made contact with the suspect vehicle in a vacant lot.

The suspect exited his vehicle. Chesapeake Police report that the suspect had an object in his hand believed to be a weapon. A Chesapeake officer fired one shot with his service weapon. The suspect was not struck and fled into the woods. He was quickly apprehended by Chesapeake Police. There were no injuries.

Suffolk Police responded to assist. A Suffolk K-9 located evidence believed to be from the bank robbery in the wood line. Items recovered include currency, a handgun and a cell phone. Investigation revealed the vehicle the suspect was operating was stolen from the City of Norfolk.

Roulhac was taken to the Suffolk Police Department, where a cooperative investigation between Chesapeake and Suffolk continues this afternoon. Charges are anticipated in both cities.

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