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TIMELY NOTIFICATION FOLLOW-UP BULLETIN

Possible Threat to the Community
"Your Right to Know"
September 16, 2011

OFFENSE: Armed Robbery

LOCATION: Port Republic Road & Bluestone Drive, 1300 Block of Devon Ln.

TIME: Sunday Sept. 11th 2011, at approximately 9:30 AM (1st Incident) & 1205 PM (2nd Incident)

SUSPECT(S) Sterling A. Williams, Javion A. Stewart, Andrei L. Mayes, & Darren Whitelow

In compliance with the "Timely Notice" provisions of the federal *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998* the James Madison University Police Department is giving follow-up information on a pair of related alleged armed robberies reported to the Harrisonburg Police Department on Sunday 09-11-2011 & Monday, 09-12-2011.

HPD Makes Arrests from Weekend Robberies

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The Harrisonburg Police Department has arrested four men, who are responsible for two separate robberies on Sept. 11.

Sterling A. Williams, 18, of Manassas, VA was charged with:

- Six counts of robbery (felony)
- Two counts of attempted robbery (felony)
- Six counts of the use of a firearm while in commission of a felony as a principal in the second degree (felony).

Javion A. Stewart, 21, of Gainesville, VA was charged with:

- Six counts of robbery (felony)
- Attempted robbery (felony)
- Six counts of the use of a firearm while in commission of a felony as a principal in the second degree (felony)
- Malicious wounding by mob (felony).

Andrei L. Mayes, 20, of Bristow, VA was charged with:

- Six counts of robbery (felony)
- Attempted robbery (felony)
- Six counts of the use of a firearm while in commission of a felony (felony)
- Malicious wounding by mob (felony).

Darren Whitelow, 20, of Manassas, VA was charged with:

- Six counts of robbery (felony)
- Attempted robbery (felony)

- Six counts of the use of a firearm while in commission of a felony as a principal in the second degree (felony)
- Malicious wounding by mob as a principal in the second degree (felony).

On Sept. 11 around 9:30 a.m., a male reported that he was walking in the area of Port Republic Road and Bluestone Drive, when he was pushed to the ground and robbed. The offenders took his sunglasses and money.

At 12:03 p.m., that same day, five males reported they were robbed by four unknown males. The offense happened in the 1300 block of Devon Lane. The suspects entered a residence, took money, and one male did display a handgun. One victim was assaulted and sustained minor injuries.

Through the investigation, it was determined the second robbery, on Devon Lane, was drug-related.

Investigators received helpful tips and cooperation from citizens in this community. "Without the help of citizens in our community, investigators would not have been able to make these arrests so quickly," said Mary-Hope Vass, Public Information Officer and Crime Analyst.

HPD also received a great deal of assistance from Manassas Police Department and Prince William County Police Department.

Sterling Williams and Darren Whitelaw were arrested in Manassas, VA. Javion Stewart and Andrei Mayes were arrested in Prince William County, VA. These arrests were made late last night into early this morning.

All four suspects have been booked into the Prince William County Detention Center, pending a transfer to Rockingham County Regional Jail.

Anyone who may have more information about either robbery is still encouraged to call Crime Solvers. Text "HPD" plus the tip to 274637 (CRIMES) or call the anonymous tip line at 540-574-5050. The James Madison University Police can be contacted by telephone at 540.568.6911; in person at the Public Safety Office in Anthony Seeger Hall, located at the intersection of West Grace and South Main Streets; or by e-mail to publicsafety@jmu.edu.

JMU and the City of Harrisonburg want to encourage everyone in the Community to exercise good crime prevention strategies all the time and to make these good daily habits. Close and lock all exterior doors and windows at night and anytime the area is left unattended whether it be for 5 minutes or 5 days to go to class, go to the store, visit a friend or leave town for the holiday. Be particularly cautious about leaving ground level doors and windows unsecured and even individual room and office doors in complexes where multiple occupants have access to common areas inside the perimeter of the residential, administrative and academic facilities. This warning also extends to

vehicles. Car windows should be up, car doors should be locked and valuable contents should be secured out of sight.

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Thank You and Stay Safe!