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FORMER INMATE CAUGHT BREAKING INTO VEHICLE IN JUSTICE CENTER PARKING LOT

RICHMOND, VA—Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. today announced that on Wednesday Oct. 1, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., Richmond City Sheriff's Office Deputy Donald Palmer observed a man in the Justice Center parking lot who appeared to be tampering with the door of a vehicle. After a nearby employee identified the vehicle as one belonging to a coworker, Deputy Palmer confronted the man. At first the man stated that he was retrieving his phone from a relative's vehicle, but then he fled the scene in the direction of Oliver Hill Way. Deputy Palmer pursued the man on foot, and Richmond Police Officer Chad Collins observed the pursuit and offered his assistance.



The officers captured the suspect, Jayquail Warren (23), in the woods behind a nearby vacant building. At the time of his arrest he had in his possession two credit cards belonging to a civilian employee of the Sheriff's Office, the owner of the vehicle. After proper identification was made by the owner of the credit cards, the witness identified the offender. Jayquail Warren was arrested and charged with 18.2-192 (theft of credit card), 18.2-147 (enter vehicle to commit larceny), and 18.2-104 (outstanding warrant for theft).

Statement from Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr.: *"Mr. Warren was a 'frequent flyer' at the Richmond City Jail, serving time on nine occasions since 2009, mostly for larceny. He must have really wanted to see the new Justice Center. I would like to commend each person involved in this situation. From the witness who paid attention when she knew something was wrong, to Deputy Palmer and Officer Collins for affecting a proper arrest, they are equally responsible for making our neighborhood safer and more secure."*

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.