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PRESS RELEASE

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Bank Robbery

Wendell- On Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 3:30 p.m, officers of the Wendell Police Department responded to an armed robbery at the K&S Bank, located at 2850 Wendell Boulevard. The suspect fled the scene prior to the police department's arrival.

Once on scene, officers spoke with witnesses who advised that a black male suspect entered the store and displayed a handgun. The suspect demanded money from the employees and fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money. There were no customers in the bank at the time of the robbery. No one was injured during the robbery.

After reviewing the surveillance video, the suspect is described as a black male, wearing a black hat with white lettering (possibly White Sox), a black and gray bandanna over his face, a light color coat and black gloves.

The investigation into this robbery is ongoing and additional details and photographs of the suspect will be released as they become available.

Anyone with information regarding the robbery or suspect is asked to contact the Wendell Police Department at 919-365-4444 or East Wake Crime Stoppers at 919-366-2746.

****Update****

March 4, 2016

As a result of a comprehensive investigation over the last week, the Wendell Police Department has identified four individuals that were involved in the armed robbery of the K&S Bank on Thursday, February, 25, 2016.

The suspects are identified as Donovan Henry Kearney (19 year old male from 5328 Seaspray Lane, Raleigh), Derrick Ahmir Wiggins (18 year old male from 404 Walbury Dr, Knightdale), Cara Elizabeth Beaver (19 year old female from 1913 Talamore Court, Raleigh) and a 15 year old female from Knightdale, whose name cannot be released due to her age.

The investigation revealed that Donovan Kearney entered the K&S Bank with a handgun and committed the robbery. All other individuals involved were charged based on their

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level of involvement in the crime. The 1994 Lexis LS 400 that was used in the crime belonged to Derrick Wiggins and was seized as part of the investigation.

Derrick Wiggins, Cara Beaver and the juvenile have or will be charged with Aid and Abet Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon.

On Thursday, March 3, 2016, Cara Beaver was arrested in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is currently being held in the Wake County Detention Center under a \$150,000 Bond.

On Friday, March 4, 2016, Derrick Wiggins surrendered to authorities at the Wake County Detention Center. He is currently being held in the Wake County Detention Center under a \$100,000 Bond.

Wendell Police Investigators will work with Wake County Juvenile Court Counselors to secure the appropriate charges against the juvenile offender.

Warrants have been obtained for Donovan Kearney charging him with Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon and 3 counts of 2nd Degree Kidnapping. As of this press release, Kearney has not yet been apprehended

Kearney is still wanted on his warrants and should be considered armed and dangerous. If anyone has any information on Kearney's whereabouts they are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency or 911.

The Wendell Police Department was assisted in this investigation by the Wake County Sheriff's Office, Raleigh Police Department, Knightdale Police Department Zebulon Police Department, NC License and Theft, Raleigh-Durham FBI Safe Streets Task Force and Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification.

Chief Bill Carter noted that this was the first bank robbery in the Town of Wendell in more than 50 years based on available records and contacts with local historians. Carter stated that "Given the nature of the crime, the origin of the offenders and other factors, the ability to bring this case to a successful conclusion is a testament to not only the well-established working relationships within the law enforcement community but to the commitment of the trained professionals involved." While led by investigators of the Wendell Police Department this truly was a coordinated effort between the involved agencies who assisted in interviewing multiple witnesses and suspects, reviewing evidence, executing search warrants and locating the suspects.

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