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Armed Robbery

****Update****

The suspect was identified through the assistance of local citizens. Roanoke County Officers were able to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect and take him into custody at approximately 3:00 this afternoon in the 6500 block of Thirlane Rd.

The suspect has been identified as Raphael C. Sierra, 20, of Roanoke. He has been charged with Robbery (18.2-58) and Use of a firearm in Commission of a Felony (18.2-53.1).

Police thank the public for their assistance in sharing the information and photos which helped lead to his arrest.

(Roanoke County, VA) – On Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at approximately 9:48 am, Roanoke County Police Officers responded to the 3700 block of Challenger Ave. in Roanoke County in reference to an armed robbery. Information was received that a black male, entered the store and demanded an undetermined amount of money from the clerk. A weapon was displayed before the suspect fled on foot from the location.

Police are actively searching for the suspect who is described as a black male wearing a hoodie. It was originally reported that he is wearing a green hoodie but it appears to be more grey. Several photos have been attached to this release. Police seek the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

Anyone with additional information about this crime is asked to call Detective Gallagher with the Roanoke County Police Department at (540) 777-8641 or Roanoke County Police non-emergency at (540)777-8652.

