



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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TWO ARRESTS MADE IN ROANOKE COLLEGE CAMPUS THEFT

On April 9, Salem Police received a report that a female's wallet had been stolen from an office on the Roanoke College campus. Subsequent investigation revealed that the victim's stolen debit and credit cards were used at a retail business in Salem to purchase an exorbitant amount of gift cards.

Surveillance images from the retail establishment provided Salem Police with descriptions of two white male suspects. In the days following April 9, other college campuses in the Roanoke and New River valleys reported similar incidents and notified law enforcement officials in their respective jurisdictions.

These reports prompted the scope of the investigation to broaden as investigators from Salem and a number of southwest Virginia law enforcement agencies were able to effectively share information with each other, and also with investigators in neighboring states.

That cooperation ultimately led to the identification and arrest of 26-year-old, Matthew Shane Beaty, and 53-year-old, William Charles Moore, both from Athens, Tennessee. The two men were extradited from Tennessee on May 21, and each has been charged in the City of Salem with the following offenses in regard to the theft at Roanoke College:

- **3 Counts of Credit Card Theft**
- **10 Counts of Obtaining Money/Goods By False Pretense**
- **3 Counts of Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards**

Both men are currently being held at the Western Virginia Regional Jail without bond. The investigation into all of these incidents in the affected jurisdictions is on-going and additional charges are pending against both men.

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