



# SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## SALEM POLICE MAKE ARREST IN EARLY MORNING ROBBERY

Early this morning at 1:08 a.m., Salem Police Officers responded to the 7-Eleven store located at 2035 Roanoke Boulevard to investigate a reported robbery. Officers arrived at the scene within minutes of the call and were told by an employee that a suspect had entered the store, demanded cash and then fled on foot.

A short time later, the suspect, James Edward Merit, Jr., 21, was located in the 900 block of Citadel Lane, which is a few blocks from the convenience store. Merit was arrested and charged with robbery. He is in the Roanoke County/Salem jail pending his arraignment.

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