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PRESS RELEASE

April 17, 2017 (10:30 a.m)

UPDATE ARREST (Computer Scam/Attempted Robbery)

Salisbury police arrest a 21 year old and a 15 year old in the act of another robbery attempt and have linked them to the previous cases reported on Saturday April 15, 2017.

On April 15, 2017 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Salisbury police officers and detectives responded to the 400 block of Hammond Street for three separate reports of attempted robberies. Further investigation revealed that the victims initiated contact with the suspects over an on-line application "LetGo". The suspects attempted to sell a vehicle, and the victims met with the suspects on the 400 block of Hammond Street.

The first victim realized the situation was unusual and immediately reported the incident to police. The second victim met with the suspects, and the suspects displayed what was described by the victim as a handgun, while demanding property from the victim. The second victim was able to flee the area to avoid the robbery. The third victim also responded to the same posting and eventually met with the same suspects. One of the suspects displayed what appeared to be a handgun, and demanded property from the victim. The third victim was able to flee the area. There were no injuries reported from either of the three incidents.

Salisbury Police would like to remind City of Salisbury and surrounding residents who use online websites for transactions to use our E-Commerce Exchange Zone, at the Salisbury Police Department. It is an unfortunate reality that meeting unknown buyers or sellers of merchandise at a predetermined location could result in unintended or harmful consequences. The police department's public parking lot and front lobby offer a safer alternative in which to conduct a pre-arranged merchandise exchange, as opposed to other locations. The E-Commerce Exchange Zone provides a safer environment for the exchange of merchandise between private parties. Salisbury Police personnel will intervene in the event an emergency arises. Upon request of either party, police personnel will conduct a stolen property check against items reported to be stolen. However, results of the stolen property check shall not constitute a guarantee.

The lobby of the Salisbury Police Department and public parking lot space are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We ask that you notify the on-duty personnel at police headquarters of your presence and your intention to engage in an on-line transaction before your transaction takes place. An appointment is not required. This area is typically covered by video surveillance equipment.

Concerns and precautions to consider when conducting "E-commerce Transactions"

- Be very suspicious of a buyer or seller who changes the agreed upon location.
- Always meet the buyer or seller in a public place and with plenty of people around.
- Avoid meeting on side streets or places that are not well lit.
- Always take someone with you and inform the buyer / seller that you will not be alone.
- Strongly consider conducting the transaction in the Salisbury Police Department lobby or the front parking lot.
- Trust your instincts – if it sounds like a scam it probably is.
- Complete the transaction during daylight hours.

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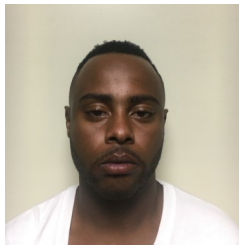
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During the afternoon hours of April 16, 2017 detectives were acting in an undercover capacity and were able to resume conversations with the suspects about making an on-line purchase of a vehicle through "LetGo". Detectives met the suspects on the 400 block of Hammond Street to initiate the purchase of the vehicle. Detectives arrested 21 year old Kyle Albert Warren of Salisbury, Maryland and a 15 year old juvenile also of Salisbury, Maryland. Both Warren and the 15 year old juvenile were arrested without incident. Warren was transported to Wicomico County Detention Center where he is being held on no bond. The 15 year old juvenile was released to the custody of the Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center.

ARRESTED:
Kyle Albert Warren, 21 years of age, Salisbury, MD
CHARGES:
Robbery, attempted robbery, assault 1st and 2nd degree, reckless endangerment and handgun on person

ARRESTED:
15 year years of age, Salisbury, MD
CHARGES:
Robbery, attempted robbery, assault 1st and 2nd degree, reckless endangerment and handgun on person

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