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MEDIA RELEASE

September 30, 2021

(Arrest -Burglary and Armed Robbery Investigations)

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Salisbury Police make arrest Wednesday after connecting suspect to burglaries and armed robbery.

On the morning of September 29, 2021, officers of the Salisbury Police Department responded to three businesses to investigate reported burglaries alleged to have occurred during the preceding overnight hours. Officers met with representatives from the Greek Pita Place, Family Dollar, and Viet Taste which are all within close proximity of each other and within the 700 and 800 blocks of S. Salisbury Boulevard. In each of the incidents it appeared that a suspect broke glass to each business, gained entry and removed items prior to fleeing.

Through the course of these investigations detectives were able to develop a potential suspect, 24-year-old Ernest Adkins (pictured below). Detectives submitted a statement of charges to the District Court Commissioner's Office for the burglary to the Greek Pita Place. A warrant was subsequently issued for the arrest of Mr. Adkins.

Later that same day at approximately 3:40 in the afternoon, members of the Salisbury Police Department responded to Rise Up Coffee, 529 Riverside Drive, in reference to a reported armed robbery of the business. Upon arrival, officers met with a 27-year-old male victim and a 24-year-old female victim, whom were both employees of the business. The victims advised that a male suspect had entered the store and gone behind the service counter. The suspect then allegedly brandished a knife, pointed it at the two victims, and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect fled the store on a bicycle with an amount of US currency obtained from the cash register. Based on information obtained at the scene, officers and detectives were able to determine that the suspect in this incident was Mr. Adkins.

Officers and detectives began an immediate canvas of the area. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Adkins was observed near Light Street and Newton Street where he attempted to flee on foot upon observing the police presence. Following a brief chase officers were able to apprehend and disarm him of a knife he was carrying. Mr. Adkins was taken into custody and transported to the Salisbury Police Department. Search of Mr. Adkins incident to arrest revealed an amount alleged crack cocaine. Mr. Adkins was later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center where he had an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

These investigations are ongoing with charges pending in the Family Dollar and Viet Taste burglaries. The Salisbury Police Department is requesting anyone with information regarding these incidents to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3165. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776.

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ARRESTED:

Ernest Adkins, 24-years-of-age
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CHARGES:

- Burglary (2ND and 4TH Degree)
- Armed Robbery
- Robbery
- Assault (1ST and 2ND Degree)
- Theft
- Malicious Destruction of Property
- Wear and Carry of a Weapon
- Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance

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