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## PRESS RELEASE

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### POLICE K9 TEAMS HELP APPREHEND ROBBERY SUSPECT

Deputies responded to an attempted robbery at 7-11 in the 4200 block of Plank Road just after 3AM this morning after the store clerk reported that an unknown male suspect went behind the counter and assaulted her. The clerk fought back causing the suspect to leave without obtaining anything. The clerk was able to provide a detailed description of the suspect and K9 teams from the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office and Fredericksburg Police Department starting tracking the suspect through the shopping center and area businesses off Salem Church Road and were able to locate the suspect hiding behind Advance Auto Parts in the 2300 block of Salem Church Road. Kenneth Wayne Auston, 48 years of age from Fredericksburg was arrested for attempted robbery by force, assault and battery on the 7-11 clerk, public intoxication, obstruction of justice, and assault on law enforcement. Mr. Auston was also wanted by Fredericksburg Police Department for felony probation violation. During the arrest, Mr. Auston assaulted deputies. The clerk suffered minor injuries during the robbery attempt and was treated at the scene. Mr. Auston was incarcerated under no bond at the Rappahannock Regional Jail.

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