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HPD Arrests Three Individuals Involved In Local Flimflam Scam

Harrisonburg, VA –

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016 officers from the Harrisonburg Police Department arrested three adult males during an investigation of a scam involving several local businesses. The scam involved one of the offenders purchasing a low value item with a large denomination bill. After receiving the change the offender then distracted the cashier by producing a smaller bill and asked for the larger bill back. The offender then paid with the smaller bill and left with both the change and the original large denomination bill.

Mikyas Tegegne, 28, of Falls Church was charged with 2 counts of obtain money by false pretense. Amanuel Soloman, 35, of Northern Virginia was charged with providing false identity to law enforcement and held on an additional outstanding federal warrant. Samson Kidane, 38, of Washington, DC was charged with possession of marijuana and was held on an additional outstanding warrant through Henrico Co. This incident is still under investigation and additional charges may follow.

The Harrisonburg Police Department requests that anyone who believes they may have been a victim or has any information related to this incident to contact the Patrol Division at 540-434-4436. Callers can provide anonymous tips at Crime Solvers: 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).

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