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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**February 02, 2017 (1:45 p.m.)**  
**(Robbery Investigations-ARREST)**

One subject has been identified, charged and arrested for robberies that occurred on January 28, 2017 and January 29, 2017.

On January 28, 2017, at approximately 11:50 p.m. Salisbury police officers responded to La Quinta Inn and Suites located at 300 S. Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury, Maryland for a reported robbery. The employee stated that an unmasked suspect entered the business and demanded money.

Further investigation into this incident revealed that upon entering the hotel the suspect began asking the employee to make change for him. The suspect then began to imitate as though he had a weapon and began demanding money from the employee. The clerk gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money and the suspect fled the store on foot. Responding officers searched the area and were not able to locate the suspect.

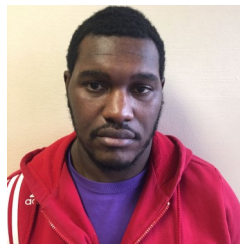
On January 29, 2017, at approximately 12:40 a.m. while Salisbury police officers were searching for the above suspect, an officer met with representatives from Wawa, located at 668 S. Salisbury Blvd. While speaking with the business employees it was learned that the same suspect as described from La Quinta Inn and Suites also just robbed Wawa approximately an hour before La Quinta Inn and Suites.

Further investigation revealed that the same unmasked suspect entered Wawa at approximately 10:40 p.m. and asked the store employee to make change. The employee removed the requested change from the cash register and began to hand it to the suspect. The suspect then proceeded to forcibly remove the money from the employees hand without handing the employee currency to change. The suspect fled the store on foot in an unknown direction. Responding officers continued to search the area, but were not able to locate the suspect.

The suspect was captured on store surveillance cameras during both robberies. There were no reported injuries as a result of the robberies. Detectives initiated an investigation and were able to identify 28 year old Desmond Omar Croswell as the person who robbed both stores. On January 30, 2017 detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Croswell charging him with the robberies.

On February 02, 2017, with the assistance of the Capitol Area Regional Fugitive Task Force, Croswell was arrested without incident. Detectives executed a search and seizure warrant which revealed additional evidence to support this investigation. Croswell was transported to the Wicomico County Detention Center where he is awaiting an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Anyone with information concerning these investigations is encouraged to contact the Salisbury Police Department (410) 548-3113 or Crime Solvers (410) 548-1776.



**ARRESTED:**

Desmond Omar Croswell, 28 years of age, Salisbury, MD

**CHARGES:**

Armed robbery, robbery, assault and theft

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