UPDATE

Harrisonburg Police Department News Release

HPD Investigates Report of Robbery

May 14, 2013

On May 14, 2013 at approximately 4:40 p.m., officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to the area of the 800 Block of Port Republic Road for an alleged armed robbery. Upon arrival, officers set up a perimeter and began interviewing potential victims and witnesses.

Based on initial call information and information from potential victims, a reverse 911 message was sent to local residents, of the surrounding area, to make them aware of the situation as a means of safe guarding the citizens of the community.

As the investigation continued, investigators were able to determine that the incident was not an armed robbery and that the actual incident location was in the 1100 block of Forest Hills Road. The Harrisonburg Police Department is now treating this investigation as a strong armed robbery that occurred between acquaintances.

Lt. Chris Rush, Division Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, states "This crime was not a random crime and all parties involved are known to each other. There is no apparent threat to the security of the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods of this alleged crime and all residents should resume their normal activities."

Lt. Rush is encouraging anyone with information in reference to this crime to contact the Criminal Investigations Division of the Harrisonburg Police Department at 540-437-2640. Harrisonburg Police Department

Anyone with additional information, who wishes to remain anonymous, is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).