



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE RESPOND TO CARJACKING ATTEMPT

On August 1, 2011, at approximately 1:23p.m., the Salem Police Department responded to the 1900 block of Electric Road after receiving a report of an attempted vehicle robbery in a parking lot at LewisGale Medical Center. Upon the officers' arrival, they discovered that the male suspect had entered a vehicle and demanded that the victim drive him to another location. The suspect then told the victim that he was armed with a weapon.

The victim was able to alert security guards who were able to detain the suspect until Salem Police arrived. There were no reported injuries related to this incident.

The suspect has been identified as Claude L. Blakey, 53, of Covington. Blakey has been charged with felony Attempted Carjacking and is currently being held without bond in the Roanoke County/Salem jail.

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