



NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

On April 30, 2011 at approximately 12:20 a.m., officers from the Cape Girardeau Police Department responded to 724 Broadway on report of two victims that had just been robbed at gunpoint. Upon their arrival, officers spoke with the two victims who stated that they were sitting in their vehicle when two black males approached the vehicle. Both suspects displayed a gun and demanded property from the victims. After taking their property, the suspect fled from the scene on foot. The victims were not injured.

At approximately 1:50 a.m., officers responded to the area of 2831 Whitener in reference to another armed robbery. Upon their arrival, officers spoke with four victims who stated that they were sitting in a vehicle when two black male suspects approached their vehicle, both displaying guns and demanded money and other property. One of the victims attempted to flee from the suspects but was caught and punched in the jaw. He suffered a minor injury. The suspects, after taking money and property from the victims, fled from the scene on foot.

After searching the area and speaking with witnesses, officers arrived at 3019 Themis. Two suspects, that matched the description that was given by the victims, were located in the apartment. Items from the robbery, as well as the weapons were also located in the apartment. The two suspects were taken into custody without incident.

The two suspects have been identified as:

Samuel Thorez Smith, 20 year old male from Dellwood, MO, was charged with Class A Felony Robbery 1st, Class C Felony Assault 2nd, Class D Felony Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Felony Armed Criminal Action with a bond of \$100,000 cash only.

Joseph Lee Childs, 19 year old male from St. Louis, MO, was charged with Class A Felony Robbery 1st, Class D Felony Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Felony Armed Criminal Action with a bond of \$100,000 cash only.



Joseph L. Childs



Samuel T. Smith

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