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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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As the result of a DNA match, two men have been arrested in a bank robbery that occurred at the BB&T Bank located at 13191 Glenbrook Avenue, Meadowview, VA. The robbery occurred on July 11, 2008.

According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, witnesses observed a suspect flee the bank. During a K-9 track, Sheriff's detectives located and collected a "chewed" piece of candy similar to a soft fruit chew. This evidence was sent to the Division of Forensic Science Western Laboratory in Roanoke, VA. Police investigation indicated that a second individual, who had been waiting nearby, drove the get-away vehicle.

A DNA match was made to William Lee Anderson, II, age 47 of 208 Oakwood Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina. Anderson had previously submitted a DNA sample into the Florida DNA Data Bank as the result of a previous criminal charge in that state. Both Anderson and his son, William Lee Byron Anderson, age 24, of 13067 Worthington Lane Meadowview, Virginia 24361 have been charged with conspiracy to commit robbery and robbery. The elder Anderson was arrested in Charleston, South Carolina, and his son was arrested in Union County, North Carolina. Neither of the accused has been extradited back to Virginia at this time.

"Good investigative work and a meticulous search of the crime scene and the surrounding area has led to the arrests of these two individuals for the bank robbery," stated Sheriff Newman.

Detectives James Blevins and Billy Nichols investigated the bank robbery, along with agents from the Virginia State Police.