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HPD Investigating Thursday Evening Armed Robbery

Harrisonburg, VA – On Thursday, November 30th at approximately 6:30 p.m. officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) responded to a report of an armed robbery in the Lowes parking lot at 201 Linda Lane in Harrisonburg.

The victim, a 22-year-old Harrisonburg resident, reported that he was meeting an individual for the purpose of selling a car. The offender arrived on location with his female companion and small child for the transaction. Upon returning from the test drive, the male subject pulled out a pistol and demanded the victim to leave the vehicle. The victim then fled on foot and called 911.

The offenders then left the scene in the stolen car, which was described as a black 1998 Mazda Millenia with no license plate. The vehicle is believed to have traveled west on East Market Street and entered Interstate 81 traveling south bound.

HPD officers obtained and executed a search warrant on personal items that the offenders left at the scene. As a result of the search warrant, the offenders were identified as Miguel Angel Rincon-Gonzalez and Yoliuska Andreis Rada Hernandez, both 23, and who are believed to reside in New York City.

Rincon-Gonzalez and Rada Hernandez have several outstanding felony warrants for Armed Robbery and Felony Child Endangerment. Attached is a recent photograph of both Rincon-Gonzalez and Rada Hernandez. Also attached is a stock photo of a 1998 Mazda Millenia. This photo is similar in make, model, and year of the stolen vehicle but is not a photo of the specific vehicle from this incident.

HPD's Major Crimes Unit is investigating this incident and is seeking any information as to the whereabouts of the stolen vehicle, Rincon-Gonzalez, and Rada Hernandez. This appears to have been an isolated incident that does not pose any additional risk to the public at this time.

The Harrisonburg Police Department encourages anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Major Crimes Unit by calling (540) 437-2650. Those who have information and wish to remain anonymous may do so by calling Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at <u>www.HarrisonburgVA.gov</u>.

