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#### **SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Suspects in Prime Sole Robbery Arrested**

Two suspects in the April 19<sup>th</sup> robbery at Prime Sole, 1703 Ave of Mid America, have been identified and arrested. Allen J. McCray, 19, and Victor M. Linton, 23, both from Omaha, Nebraska, were taken into custody by the Higginsville, Missouri Police Department on April 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 12:43 A.M. after responding to a report of a shooting in their jurisdiction.

The April 19<sup>th</sup> incident at Prime Sole in Effingham involved two males leaving the store with clothing and other merchandise, with one of them then firing a single shot toward the building as they exited and ran through the parking lot. The Bureau of Criminal Investigations along with Detectives from the Effingham County Sheriff's Office have diligently followed multiple leads in this case. Communication with other agencies locally and regionally, as well as with other states, ultimately led to the suspects' being identified in the crime in Effingham.

Effingham Police Chief Jeffrey Fuesting is satisfied that this was an isolated incident where both suspects appeared to target businesses which were located near interstates. "Both suspects are currently in custody in Missouri, and although the investigation is still on-going, we have no evidence to suggest the pair was working with any other person or organization. Having the ability to communicate with other Law Enforcement agencies across different states was critical to identifying these individuals as suspects in our case."

Locally, Effingham County State's Attorney Bryan Kibler announced that both Linton and McCray are each being charged with four felony charges: Armed Violence (Class X felony), Armed Robbery (Class X felony), Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 felony), and



Burglary (Class 2 felony). Bond has been set at \$750,000. Both men are currently in the custody of Lafayette County Jail, Lexington, Missouri.