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## **MPD Announces Arrest of Suspect in Five Recent Armed Robberies of Establishments**

(Washington, DC)- The Metropolitan Police Department has announced a significant arrest in five recent armed robberies of establishments that occurred in the confines of the Fourth District, the Fifth District and Prince George's County, Maryland. The arrest was made possible through the collaborated investigative efforts of law enforcement members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Detective Units, Prince George's County Police and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

On Monday, September 23, 2013, U.S. Postal Inspectors arrested **55-year old James Davis**, for an outstanding arrest warrant originating from Prince George's County, Maryland for the robbery of a Post Office.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2013, Prince George's County Police and Fourth District Detectives executed an emergency search warrant in the 700 block of Quebec Place, NW, in connection to an armed robbery that occurred in Prince George's County on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Fourth District Detectives arrested **48-year old Ricardo Beatty** for Felony Possession of a handgun. Mr. Davis was subsequently charged with Armed Robbery for offenses on the following days and locations:

- August 6, 2013, Armed Robbery of the New Hampshire Pharmacy in the 5000 block of New Hampshire Ave, NW
- August 8, 2013, Armed Robbery of a Post Office in Hyattsville, MD
- August 9, 2013, Armed Robbery of the Newton Food Mart in the 3600 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE
- August 13, 2013, Armed Robbery of the Upshur Grocery in the 200 block of Upshur St, NW
- September 16, 2013, Armed Robbery of the Flagler Market in the 2200 block of Flagler Pl, NW



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The Metropolitan Police Department would like to praise the extraordinary investigative work and the significant assistance of our law enforcement partners who pulled together in identifying and apprehending this suspect. The close cooperation between federal and local law enforcement, as happened here, closes a violent spree of armed robberies. This investigation exemplifies the importance of inter-agency cooperation.

The Metropolitan Police Department is investigating the suspects' involvement in other similar offenses. Anyone who is the victim of a crime or witnesses a crime in progress should call **911** immediately. Individuals who have information regarding crimes should call police at **202-727-9099**. Additionally information may be submitted to the TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging **50411**.

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