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CARELESS SHOPLIFTER ARRESTED WITH FIREARM

Deputies responded to Spotsylvania Towne Centre on 07/23/2023 around 3PM after a security guard witnessed an individual drop a firearm on the floor of a business inside the mall. The young male quickly picked up the firearm off the floor and concealed it as if nobody noticed. Responding deputies quickly arrived and detained the individual near the food court. A loaded 9mm firearm was located in his front pants pocket. Thomas Ballard, twenty-year-old male of Spotsylvania was arrested by deputies for carrying a concealed weapon, shoplifting, and possession of marijuana while under 21. During the arrest of Mr. Ballard, an item taken from another business in the mall without paying was located in his book bag. Ballard was incarcerated at the Rappahannock Regional Jail under a \$2,500 bond.

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