

# VPD Successful in Arresting Armed Convenience Store Robber

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LOWNDES COUNTY, Georgia - Valdosta Police Department (VPD) Detectives and Crime Scene Personnel took action and began an investigation about 10:00 p.m., Monday, April 22nd. A convenience store clerk called E9aa to report a robbery at the store. The Shell Gas Station is located at 901 Baytree Road. Both the clerk as well as store witnesses told VPD officers that a male, appearing to be a customer, came into the store, produced a firearm and began making demands. The alleged robber was given money and he took property from the store then left the scene.

The following day after the robbery (Tuesday, April 23rd), VPD Detectives identified Na'quwan Fryson (19) of Valdosta through a review of available surveillance video. Fryson is said to be the person who entered the convenience store and committed the robbery at the threat of using a firearm.

Following Fryson's identification, VPD Detectives obtained arrest warrants for the following:

- Aggravated assault-felony;
- Armed robbery-felony;
- Possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony-felony.

Fryson was observed by VPD officers on April 25th and taken into custody on the arrest warrants. According to VPD Leslie Manahan, an E911 call was made about 5:00 a.m. VPD Officers responded to the area of the 100 block of East Hill Avenue. The E911 caller indicated that there seemed to be suspicious activity in a nearby parking lot. When officers arrived in the area, they observed Fryson.

Officers found a firearm on Fryson's person, which had been reported stolen earlier in the year.

The case is continuing to be investigated. VPD indicate that further charges are pending.

VPD Chief Leslie Manahan states, "This is incredible teamwork by our department. From the quick identification of the offender by detectives, all the way to the successful apprehension of him, along with the recovery of a firearm. I am proud of the effort by our entire department."

The VPD asks that if you are a person with any information on this case, please contact the Valdosta Police Department Bureau of Investigative Services at 229-293-3145, the crime tip line at 229-293-3091, or file a tip online at [www.valdostacity.com/police-department/](http://www.valdostacity.com/police-department/).



# Library Cards Aren't Just Physical Cards Anymore!

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LANIER COUNTY, Georgia - South Georgia Regional Library (SGRL) Director Miguel Vincete is pointing out that if you have your cell phone, you always have access to your library card!

The Miller-Lakeland Library Advisory Board met at its quarterly meeting on Monday, April 9th at the SGRL Miller-Lakeland Branch Library and Vincete has handed out a new pocket library card that board members will help distribute locally to increase public knowledge of the SGRL services.

Locally, the Miller-Lakeland Library Board members are: Kelsey Durrance (Chair), Holly Browning, Carol Moore, Jack Paulson (Vice-Chair), and Wilma Music.

The board members in turn are also helping to distribute cards through area businesses.

If you don't want to wait and get the information by encounter, interested persons can simply go on-line and download the PINES app and gain access to all of the SGRL digital resources for free!

Examples of information that are "in your pocket" through PINES or SGRL are:

- Libby - magazines, ebooks & audiobooks
- Kanopy - movies and TV shows
- Mango - learn a new language
- PressReader - over 7,000 magazines and newspapers in 60 different languages



L-R Miguel Vincete, SGRL Director, and Miller Lakeland Library Board Members - Holly Browning, Jack Paulson (Vice Chair), and Kelsey Durrance (Chair). Board Member Carol Moore, photographer, not in picture.

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SGRL libraries don't just offer adventures of the imagination; library members have the opportunity to participate in all kinds of information and services. That information and those services help library patrons in

business and recreation.  
For more information, go to [sgrl.org/](http://sgrl.org/) or contact SGRL by dialing 229-333-0086. All of these services are available through an SGRL library card.

**39th Session CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

The 39th Session of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) will be held each **Thursday night**, April 4 - May 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

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