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## LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

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**CAROLINE COUNTY, VA** - On September 21, 2015, the Caroline County Sheriff's office received a call from a business in the Carmel Church area of Ruther Glen, reporting that a customer in the store was attempting to use a forged credit card to purchase merchandise. A Caroline County deputy responded to the call and reported seeing a man run from the store into an adjacent parking lot, where the man jumped into the passenger seat of a Mazda mini-van and began to speed away. The deputy caught up to the vehicle, which turned onto Rogers Clark Blvd. traveling east. The deputy reported that the vehicle continued east on Rogers Clark Blvd. for approximately one mile until the vehicle came to a stop and the passenger attempted to run away from the vehicle. The deputy then caught the passenger, who was identified as 30 year old Georgie Ortiz of Brooklyn, NY. Investigators responded to the incident and assisted with the investigation, which led to the discovery of 151 cartons of cigarettes, 154 credit cards believed to be forged, a laptop computer, a credit card scanning device, several cellular devices and \$1900.00 cash.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as 30 year old Rashida Jones of New York, New York. Both Jones and Ortiz were charged with numerous counts of credit card forgery, possessing a credit card forging device, use of a credit card scanning device and possessing tobacco with intent to distribute. *"Cigarette smuggling along the I95 corridor is a major problem. I am so thankful for the citizen who supplied us with the tip as well as the hard work and dedication of our men and women in uniform"* stated Sheriff Lippa.



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**If you have information about this crime, please contact the  
Caroline County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center @ (804) 633-5400 and  
reference the information below.**

Reference:cigarette trafficking  
Date: 09/22/2015

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If you have information about any illegal activity please call our anonymous tip line @ 804-633-1133