

## Brothers Arrested in Sunday Armed Robbery Attempt

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Boone Police responded to an armed robbery in the parking lot of New Market Center yesterday afternoon—the second such report in under three days. There, a male victim stated that he was scheduled to meet a man about buying a cell phone after the contact on Craigslist and then communicated via email. Shortly after arriving in the parking lot, a man approached the victim brandishing a knife and demanding money. The victim was able to gain control of the knife at which point the man fled. The assailant left the area in a vehicle that was waiting nearby driven by a second male. The victim suffered a minor injury but did not require medical attention. Using the vehicle description and tag, two brothers were arrested and charged. Joshua James Hash, 21, of Cecil Street, Boone, was charged with Attempted Armed Robbery while Kevin Floyd Hash, 17, of Sunny Ridge Trail, Boone was arrested and charged with Attempted Armed Robbery and Misdemeanor Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Joshua Hash was assigned a \$75,000 secured bond, Kevin Hash a \$100,000 secured bond, both with September 17th court appearance. With the incident, Boone Police, in their release, said that this incident highlights the need to be cautious anytime you buy or sell items online, and offered several tips to help keep you safe:

Never meet someone alone, always take a companion

Do not carry large amounts of cash

Be aware of your surrounding and stay alert

If something seems too good to be true, it probably is

Always meet in a public place

Get as much information as possible about the other person before you meet including name and phone number(s)