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Four arrested in local gas station robbery

Salem, Ore. — Just before midnight on May 30, 2023, two men entered the Chevron convenience store in the 2300 block of Commercial ST SE and one of the suspects pointed a handgun and demanded money. After taking the cash, the suspects fled the scene.

With witness descriptions of the suspects and the involved vehicle, patrol officers were able to locate them several hours later. A warrant to search the vehicle was obtained by detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit. The detectives subsequently located two handguns, cash, and other evidence from the robbery among the contents of the car.

Detectives determined an employee of the business, identified as Gabriel Ray Firkins, provided the suspects with information about the store to help commit the crime. The following individuals were lodged at the Marion County Jail and charged with first-degree robbery:

- Firkins, age 18
- Chad Patrick Oxenford, age 31
- Kyle Ray <u>Peterson</u>, age 21
- Jeremiah Sommerlot, age 22

All four individuals are set to be arraigned today at 2:30 p.m. at the Marion County Criminal Court Annex.

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