

Man pleads guilty in BP robbery

Authorities use phone left behind at the scene to find suspect in case

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It was a cellphone left behind during a convenience store robbery that led to a suspect's arrest and ultimately his conviction Monday.

Derrick Beard, 34, who lived alternately in Amherst and Lynchburg, pleaded guilty in Lynchburg Circuit Court to one count each of robbery, use of a firearm in commission of a felony and preventing an individual from summoning law enforcement, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said.

The charges stemmed from the

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