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Durham Man Arrested on Robbery Charges

A Durham man was arrested Wednesday night and charged with committing two robberies in the area of Oxford Commons on North Roxboro Road in the past three weeks.

Officers from District 2's HEAT (High Enforcement Abatement Team) squad were patrolling on bicycles on Danube Lane Wednesday night when they spotted Carl Suitt Jr. who was wanted on robbery and other felony charges.

Suitt, 19, of Craven Street is charged with the following robberies:

- July 30, 2009 – Two males were walking in the 3500 block of Roxboro Road when three males on bicycles approached them and robbed them at gunpoint of beer, jewelry and cell phones. The suspects fled on Meriwether Drive.
- August 2, 2009 – Two males entered the King Buffett restaurant in Oxford Commons and took money from the cash register and tip jar at gunpoint. A second man, Fabian Thorpe, 25, of Danube Lane, was arrested on August 7 and charged with also committing this robbery.

Suitt was charged with three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of second-degree kidnapping and one count of felony conspiracy. He was placed in Durham County Jail under an \$802,000 bond. Thorpe remains in Durham County Jail under a \$250,000 bond.

