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Armed robber arrested

Salem, Ore. — Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit made an arrest today as part of an investigation into an armed robbery at Marion Parkade earlier this month.

On January 11, 2023 at approximately 5:45 p.m., a young man reported he was robbed of his belongings by a male individual he had recently met at the downtown mall. The victim and the suspect were at the roof of the parking structure when the suspect pulled a gun out of his pocket, racked the slide, and pointed it at the victim, demanding the property he carried.

The suspect, Jeffery Prach, age 19, was arrested early this morning when officers observed him walking in the downtown area. Prach was in possession of a firearm when officers took him into custody.

[Prach](#) is now lodged at the [Marion County Jail](#) on first-degree robbery and other related weapons charges.

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