



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**January 18, 2019**

**AGENCY:** Normal Police Department  
**ADDRESS:** 100 E. Phoenix Ave.  
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On 01/17/19, at approximately 9:24 p.m. a black male suspect entered Freedom Convenience Store, 601 S. Main Street, and demanded money from an employee while brandishing a handgun. The suspect exited the store with an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency. The suspect left the business in a northerly direction. No employees were injured. A photo of the suspect, inside the business, is attached to this release.

Suspect description:

Sex: Male  
Race: Black  
Height: 5'08"-5'10"  
Age: 18-30 years old  
Build: Medium build  
Clothing: Dark winter coat, blue jeans, gray colored gloves.  
Armed: Black handgun

Any persons with information concerning this case are asked to contact Normal Police Detective Darren Wolters at 309-433-3415, [dwolters@normal.org](mailto:dwolters@normal.org) or McLean County Crime Stoppers at 309-828-1111.

**\*\*Additional information available at the NPD Facebook Page\*\***

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**\*\*\* All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law \*\*\***

