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CCSO School Resource Officer stops robbery suspect at Northwoods Mall

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – A Charleston County Sheriff's Office Master Deputy and School Resource Officer stopped a robbery suspect at Northwoods Mall while off-duty on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

CCSO Master Deputy Alexander McKinnon was shopping at REEDS Jewelers in Northwoods Mall when a man walked into another nearby store, Great American Jewelry, and asked the store clerk to see some jewelry. The man then grabbed the jewelry and took off running. Master Deputy McKinnon quickly learned of the situation and chased the suspect, identifying himself as a Deputy Sheriff. The suspect then threatened McKinnon, saying he would have a "friend come to the location and shoot him." At that moment, McKinnon tackled the suspect and detained him. A North Charleston Police Department Officer then arrived and placed the suspect under arrest.

Master Deputy McKinnon also serves as a School Resource Officer for the Charleston County School District.

"Master Deputy McKinnon's actions embody all that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office stands for. As law enforcement professionals, we have the responsibility to serve and protect our community, whether we are in uniform or not," said Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie. "We could not be prouder of how Master Deputy McKinnon responded at Northwoods Mall, and it should be reassuring to everyone, especially to parents, to know this is the type of individual we have protecting the most vulnerable in our community."

McKinnon most recently worked as a School Resource Officer at Mount Zion Elementary School.

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