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Suspect Arrested in Series of Armed Robberies in the Tampa Bay Area

Arrested:

Tracy Garrett, DOB: 8-10-85, 2524 49th Avenue North
Charged with three counts of Armed Robbery

Synopsis:

St. Petersburg Police Department Robbery Detectives have been working together with other law enforcement agencies, including the Pinellas Park Police Department, Largo Police Department, Tampa Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, to identify the suspect in a pattern of twelve armed robberies to businesses in the Tampa Bay area.

At some point, law enforcement investigators identified Tracy Garrett as a suspect in the robberies.

On Monday August 16, 2011 at about 9:15 p.m., detectives from our Department's C.A.S.E. (Crime Analysis, Surveillance and Enforcement) unit observed the suspect commit a robbery to the Dunkin Donut shop at 7030 Ulmerton Road in Largo, Florida and arrested him after he left the establishment.

St. Petersburg Police Department investigators interviewed Garrett after his arrest and he admitted to his involvement in several of the robberies.

Garrett was booked into the Pinellas County Jail last night. His booking photo is attached.

Garret is currently charged with robbing the following businesses:

Family Dollar Store, 3401 34th Avenue North on July 8, 2011 at 7:25 p.m.

Wendy's Restaurant, 336 15th Avenue South on July 30, 2011 at 10:14 p.m.

Dunkin Donut, 7030 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida on August 15, 2011 at 9:15 p.m.

This investigation continues and more charges may be forthcoming.

Information by Bill Proffitt on August 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

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