



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **Detectives Release Video in Attempt to Identify Suspect Who Stole Fallen Officers Donation Jar**

This incident is a bit dated, but may be of interest. We were going to release this earlier, but the death of Officer Crawford on February 21st and the aftermath of that event preempted the timely release of this video.

Suspect Description: B/M, 60's, gray hair, last seen wearing a black short sleeve shirt with an unknown design, blue jean and brown shoes. He was accompanied by another subject described as a B/M wearing a black bandana on his head, black & white striped shirt, blue jeans and white shoes.

On Saturday, February 19, 2011 at about 12:30 p.m., the above two men came into the UPS Store at 204 37 Avenue North in St. Petersburg.

The suspect made a purchase of some shipping envelopes and prior to leaving can be seen on surveillance video removing a plastic donation receptacle from the counter, placing it into his shopping bag and leaving the store.

The donation receptacle was put on the counter by store personnel and was clearly identified as benefitting the families of Fallen Officers Tom Baitinger and Jeffery Yaslowitz. Store employees did not discover the theft until about an hour later and estimated that the receptacle contained approximately \$100 in cash.

Investigators are seeking to identify the suspect in this case. Anyone who might recognize the suspect or his companion are asked to contact Detective Dean Clark at 727-892-5144 or call the St. Petersburg Police Tip Line at 727-892-5000 or Text a Tip at 727-420-8911.

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