



St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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St. Petersburg Police Release Photo of Robbery (Purse-Snatch) Suspect

On Monday October 3, 2011 at about 7:45 p.m. a 57 year old woman walked away from the Central Avenue Food Mart, 3000 Central Avenue, where she had just obtained cash from an ATM machine.

As she walked near the intersection of 1st Avenue South and 30th Street South, a black male teenager grabbed the victim, threw her to the ground, stole her black purse and then ran away on foot.

It appears the suspect had been inside of the store at the same time as the victim and may have seen her remove cash from the ATM machine.

The victim sustained scratches and abrasions on her arms, but no serious injuries.

A witness, a woman walking nearby with a baby, was a witness to the crime.

The suspect is described as a black male, mid to late teens, 5'7" thin build, dark complexion, shaved head, wearing a red baseball cap.

Detectives have obtained photos of the suspect from surveillance cameras inside of the Central Avenue Food mart store. Although the photos are not the best quality, the face of the suspect is clearly visible. One photo is attached. I will send another photo in another Media Alert.

Robbery Detectives are requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect in this case.

Anyone with information should call the Department's non-emergency telephone number, 727-893-7780. Anonymous tipsters can use our Tip Line at 727-892-5000 or Text a Tip 727-420-8911.

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