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CIGARETTES BURGLARS TARGET BUSINESSES IN MURFREESBORO

Murfreesboro, TN – Over the past two months, more than a dozen Murfreesboro businesses have been the target of burglars stealing large quantities of cigarettes.

In one of the break-ins, the thieves stole more than 100 cartons of cigarettes and an additional 110 single packs.

The break-ins have occurred at different times of the night. In most of the burglaries, a rock was used to break the glass on the front door to gain entry. The suspects are in and out of the businesses before officers can arrive.

The following businesses have been targeted:

69 Vape N Smoke

1627 NW Broad Street

On 4/19/19 at approximately 12:36 a.m., two suspects, unknown race, threw a jack stand through the front glass door and entered the store. They took merchandise from a display case and fled through the back door.

Sami's Market

2975 S. Rutherford Blvd. Suite B

On 5/10/19 at approximately 1:07 a.m., a male, unknown race, entered the business through the front door and begin taking more than 100 cartons of cigarettes and an additional 110 single packs. The suspect left through a rear door.

Dollar General

2011 SE Broad St.

On 5/28/19 around 11:38 p.m., an unknown subject broke out the glass of the Dollar General (2011 SE Broad) gained entry and attempted to steal cigarettes but was unable to. The suspect is possibly a black or Hispanic male.

A M Tobacco and Beer

2075 Lascassas Pike Suite A

On 5/28/19 at approximately 11:49 p.m., video surveillance shows a black male wearing dark navy-blue pants, sweatshirt, beanie, black sneakers with white soles, gloves and his face covered throwing a rock through the glass front door and made entry into business. The suspect went behind the counter and stuffed around 20 cartons of Newport Menthol cigarettes in a dark-colored satchel style bag before leaving the business.

Kwik Mart

315 N. Front St.

On 6/1/19 around 2:09 a.m., surveillance video captured a black male, wearing a black hoodie, black pants, black sneakers with white soles, white gloves with a shirt or bandana covering his face and entered the business by tossing a large rock through the front glass door. The suspect grabbed several boxes of Menthol cigarettes, shoved them into a black duffle bag and ran out of the business. The suspect only spent two (2) minutes inside the store.

South Church Street Market

1411 S. Church St.

On 6/5/19 at approximately 10:15 p.m., a rock was used to break the glass of the business. An unknown suspect or suspects entered the business and stole about fifty-five (55) cartons of cigarettes.

Thompson Tobacco and Beer

2122 N. Thompson Lane Suite E

On 6/5/19 around 2:20 a.m., responding officers discovered a rock had been thrown through the front glass door of the business. Surveillance video showed a suspect wearing a dark hooded sweat shirt and light-colored shorts attempting to make entry into the business around 12:06 a.m. The suspect took off running after he couldn't get inside. No merchandise was taken.

Dollar General

2015 Mercury Blvd.

On 6/9/19 at approximately 12:36 a.m., an unknown suspect damaged the front glass door using a large rock and gained access to the business. The suspect ransacked the business and damaged a glass cigarette case before leaving the business.

After reviewing surveillance video, a manager noticed the suspect returned to the business at approximately 3:48 a.m., damaging another glass case before leaving. The suspect returned at 4:00 a.m. and stayed four (4) minutes damaging other items.

96 Tobacco and Beer Depot

2015 Lascassas Pike Suite A

On 6/11/19 around 3:01 a.m., a burglar broke a glass door, made entry, stole cash, and twenty-one (21) cartons of Newport cigarettes and an addition eight-nine (89) single packs of Newport cigarettes.

Kwik Sak Gas Station

1630 Bradyville Pike

On 6/17/19 around 2:02 a.m., a male wearing a black jacket, blue jeans, gray or white hat, white shoes, carrying a duffel bag, shattered the front glass door using a large piece of concrete from a drainage culvert. Video shows the suspect going straight to the cigarettes and placing 30 cartons of Newport Menthol 100's into the bag.

Dollar General

4412 Manchester Pike

On 6/17/19 at approximately 2:32 a.m., patrol officers responded to the business in reference to an alarm. Officers discovered the back door unsecure and several packs of cigarettes missing from a cabinet as well as packs strolled everywhere on the floor. The suspect was seen on video appeared to be a white male approximately 6-foot tall, slim build and was wearing a black hoodie, black pants and purple under shorts. The suspect was in the store only two minutes.

Dollar General

2015 Mercury Blvd.

On 6/21/2019 around 12:15 a.m., a suspect used a large rock to break the glass of the front door to enter the business. The suspect, wearing blue jeans shorts, black and white patterned long sleeve shirt and a blue T-shirt wrapped around his head, went directly behind the counter to the cigarettes display. He took cigarettes and a box that contained Subwoofer speakers. The suspect returned to the business around 3:15 a.m. and took a box containing a printer. Store management believes this is the same suspect from the June 9 burglary.

Dollar General

1707 Bradyville Pike

On 6/23/19 at approximately 3:53 a.m., surveillance footage shows a black male, matching the description of recent burglaries where cigarettes were stolen gain access to the store by throwing a large rock through the glass door. The suspect used the same rock to break the cigarette display case and stole multiple packs of Newport cigarettes.

Detectives need help in identifying the suspects.

If you have any information, please call Crime Stoppers at (615) 893-STOP (7867) Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. You could receive up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest(s).