

# **Murfreesboro Police Department**

## **News Release**



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## **Serial ‘Rock Burglar’ hits multiple local businesses; police need help identifying burglar**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** (April 27, 2022) – Murfreesboro police are asking for help identifying a man suspected of burglarizing dozens of businesses over the past five months. The thief targets area businesses in the early morning using rocks to break-in.

Murfreesboro Police Department Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Detective Sergeant Tommy Massey said the thief used a rock to smash the glass to get inside the businesses. He then grabs the cash register drawer or money and leaves before police arrive.

“Video surveillance have shown the burglar retrieving rocks in areas adjacent to the businesses to shatter glass doors or windows,” Massey said. “He is usually in and out within minutes.”

The man wears a hooded sweatshirt, gloves, and carries a backpack while committing the burglaries.

“The burglar usually hits between 2 a.m. to dawn,” Massey said. “However, he doesn’t have a consistent pattern of when he commits the burglaries. He has gone weeks in between burglaries in some cases.”

Five businesses including Taco Bell, 2732 Saint Andrews Dr., McDonald’s, 2674 New Salem Hwy., Crumbl Cookies, 2839 Medical Center Pkwy., Corelife Eatery, 2330 Medical Center Pkwy., Juicy’s Wellness Café, 2314 Medical Center Pkwy, were burglarized Tuesday, April 26. Only one of the businesses security alarms activated.

The unidentified burglar may be responsible for 34 burglaries in Murfreesboro since Nov. 2021. Detectives believe he’s using an automobile because there have been business burglaries on the same night in other parts of the city.

The serial burglar is also suspected of committing similar burglaries in several other Middle Tennessee cities.

“He may be the same person captured on video surveillance in Smyrna, Nashville, Mt. Juliet and Bedford County committing similar burglaries,” Massey said. “We are working with those agencies to help identify this burglar.”

Detectives have a few leads on a possible suspect. They’ve also retrieved evidence and submitted it to the TBI for processing.

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Anyone with information on the burglaries or identity of the burglar should contact Massey at 629-201-5521 or email tips to [crimetips@murfreesborotn.gov](mailto:crimetips@murfreesborotn.gov).

You can make anonymous tips by calling the Rutherford County Crime Stoppers hotline at 615-893-STOP (7867) or downloading the P3 Intel Mobile App.

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**Attachments:**

**Burglar video Catfiene Cat, 517 Cason Lane Suite D on Nov. 22, 2021 & Corelife Eatery on April 26, 2022 available for download: [Rock Burglar Video.mp4](#)**