Troopers Investigate Attempted Robbery

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Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted armed robbery of a Wilmington area gas station that occurred early yesterday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at approximately 1:54 a.m., as a male suspect entered the Valero gas station located at 1327 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington. The suspect approached a male clerk who was standing behind the sales counter and demanded money and cigarettes from him. The clerk refused to comply with the suspect's demands. The suspect then implied that he was armed and again demanded money and cigarettes. Again the clerk refused. It was at this time that the suspect attempted to remove a cash register from the sales counter. A struggle then ensued between the clerk and the suspect. The suspect then exited the business without obtaining any money or cigarettes. He was last seen entering a red unknown make and model vehicle and fleeing from the parking lot in an unknown direction. The store employee suffered minor injuries during the struggle. He refused treatment at the scene.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 5'10"-6'00" tall, weighed 230-250 lbs, with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, dark shorts, dark sneakers, and a baseball cap. There is no further physical or clothing description available. No video surveillance photos are available to be released at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident

they are asked to contact the robbery unit at Troop 2 at 302-365-8655. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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