

Delaware State Police Investigating Robbery of Tobacco Store

Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a New Castle area tobacco store that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:41 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022, at the DOT Discount Tobacco store, located at 1422 North Dupont Highway, New Castle, when troopers responded for a report of a robbery. Investigation determined a male suspect entered the store carrying a trash bag and approached the rear sales counter. Upon contact with a male employee behind the counter, the suspect displayed a handgun and demanded money. The employee advised the suspect they did not have any money, so the suspect then demanded Newport cigarettes. The victim complied and filled the trash bag with an undisclosed number of cigarettes. The victim was then then demanded to a rear storage room before the suspect fled the scene on foot traveling northbound. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male approximately 5'9"-6' tall, 170-190 lbs., wearing all dark clothing and a mask.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Dempsey of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8510. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delawarecrimestoppersweb.com>

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