

Troopers Investigating Pair of Title Loan Business Robberies

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

New Castle County- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives are currently investigating the robberies of a pair of area title loan businesses that occurred in Wilmington and New Castle late last month.

The first incident occurred on Monday, May 23, 2016, at approximately 7:45 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Northeast Title Loans located at 2900 Concord Pike, Wilmington. The suspect, who was armed with an unknown make and model handgun, confronted a male employee of the business. He then demanded money from the cash registers, as well as the keys to the employee's car. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him as well as the keys to his 2011 Hyundai Sonata. The suspect then exited the business and fled from the parking lot in the victim's car. The victim was not injured. Troopers were able to locate the victim's unoccupied car approximately 3 hours later in the parking lot of the St. Mary Magdalen Church located at 7 Sharpley Road, Wilmington.

The suspect was described as a black male 20-30 years of age. He was 5'06"-5'08" tall, weighed 180-200 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black jeans, and grey sneakers. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

The second incident occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016, as three male suspects entered the Loan Max, located at 1517 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. All three

suspects were armed with unknown make and model handguns. They then confronted three employees of the business and demanded money from the registers as well as the employee's cell phones. All three employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over their cell phones as well as an undisclosed amount of money to them. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

All three suspects were described as black males 25-35 years of age. Two of the suspect's were 5'07"-5'11" tall, weighed 165-185 lbs., and were last seen wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. The third suspect weighed 185-205 lbs., and was last seen wearing a white t-shirt and dark grey sweatpants. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

Both of these incidents remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Robbery Unit detectives do not believe that they are related however. 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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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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Facebook Tip Leads to Arrest in Thefts from Vehicles in South Dover Area

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Dover, DE- Delaware State Police Detectives have arrested a Magnolia man in connection with numerous thefts from vehicles that occurred in developments off South State Street and South Old Mill Road .

Troopers began their investigation on Saturday May 28, 2016, after numerous incidents of car break-ins were being reported in the Stone Ridge Development and Bradys Lane, south of Dover. In most of the incidents, the vehicles were left unlocked and the suspect removed various items of cash and personal belongings before fleeing the area.

Detectives from Troop 3 received images from a video surveillance camera located at a residence in the area of the incidents and that photo along with information surrounding the crimes was sent out through the social media platforms of

Facebook and Nextdoor. Within a few hours, an anonymous tip was received from a Facebook user identifying the subject depicted in the photo as **Antonio Powell**, 27 of Magnolia.

Detectives began searching for Powell in the Magnolia area and observed him traveling as a passenger in a vehicle leaving a residence on Walnut Shade Road. Upon conducting a traffic stop on the vehicle, Powell provided false information to the detective who had already arrested him in the beginning of May for thefts from vehicles in the Rising Sun area.

Antonio Powell was subsequently taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 3 in Camden. He was charged with nine counts of Theft under \$1500, four counts of Attempted Theft under \$1500, twelve counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd, and Criminal Impersonation. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$9,100.00 cash bond.

Troopers are continuing their investigation into these incidents and additional charges may be forthcoming.

The Delaware State Police want to remind people to utilize the following tips:

- Lock your car doors and roll up you windows
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Leave outdoor lights on in the driveway or have security lighting installed
- Report any suspicious activity to 9-1-1

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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Canterbury Shore Stop

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Felton, DE – Troopers are investigating a robbery of the Canterbury Shore Stop that occurred early this morning.

The incident occurred around 2:29 a.m. this morning, Wednesday June 1, 2016, when a male suspect entered the convenience store located at 8953 South DuPont Highway. He approached the male employee at the counter with a dark colored jacket draped over his arm and demanded cash. The clerk complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of currency. The male then fled the business and entered a tan or gold pickup truck and drove east on Irish Hill Road. The male employee was uninjured in this incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5'05"-5'07" tall, wearing a light blue baseball hat, white shirt, khaki shorts, black sneakers, and possibly armed with an unknown type weapon concealed under a black jacket. He may be driving a tan or gold in color Chevrolet S10 pickup truck with unknown registration. (Surveillance photos attached)

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective J. Dear at 302-698-8540. 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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