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WINTER HAVEN – Three dangerous suspects are being sought after they robbed a convenience store clerk in broad daylight while terrorizing her with a rifle held to her head. Winter Haven Police are asking for the public to assist in identifying the three armed robbery suspects seen in surveillance video at the Cash Mart Convenience Store, located at 203 Central Ave. E in Winter Haven.

On 5-14-15 at approximately 5:20 p.m., three unidentified males entered Cash Mart with the first male pointing a rifle towards the cashier. The first male, carrying the gun, had his head covered with a black cloth. The second male entered with a back pack and a white shirt covering his head. Shortly after the third male comes in with his head covered.

The trio goes behind the counter demanding the cashier to hand over money. A second clerk in the store, who was in another room, came out after hearing the commotion. One of the suspects grabbed him and pulled him to the front of the store forcing him to the ground.

The first suspect held the weapon to the cashier's head while he demanded her to put the money in a black backpack the suspect was holding. The cashier was then also ordered to the floor and the three suspects ran northbound towards the area of 2nd St. and Ave. B NE. Officers canvassing the area were informed by witnesses they saw the males jumping into a four-door vehicle, possibly gold in color with a Florida tag.

The suspects are described as three black males (possibly one either white or a light-skinned black male), ages 16 – 21. All three wore all black, with one wearing a long-sleeved shirt with black and white stripped sleeves underneath a black shirt with white trim, black pants and black shoes. The second suspect wore black pants and a black tank top, black shoes, a white shirt covering his head and was carrying a black backpack with white trim and a white design on the back. The third suspect wore all black and has white shoes.

“These suspects obviously have no regard for life and must be taken off the streets immediately,” said Chief Charlie Bird. “The brazen act of committing an armed robbery in broad daylight show just how dangerous they are. We must get them off the streets before they escalate to the next level and someone is hurt or possibly killed.”

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477). Callers can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a CASH reward.