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UPDATE ON ELONKA'S ROBBERY AND ATTACK

Winter Haven Police have identified and obtained a warrant for the arrest of 53 year-old Perry L. Chance (B/M, DOB 5-28-61, LNA 159 Grant Ct., Lake Wales) in the robbery and vicious beating of an 80 year-old clerk earlier this week. (see original release of information regarding the case below) The warrant charges are Burglary with Battery (F-1), Robbery (F-2), False Imprisonment (F-3) and Conveyance Burglary (F-3).

Tips have poured into the agency and multiple tips identified Chance as the person seen in the video from the attack. Chance was most recently arrested by the Winter Haven Police Department in November, 2013 for Burglary. He was released from the Polk County Jail on May 29, 2014.

"What Chance did to our victim in this case was heinous and we will not rest until he is behind bars," said Chief Charles Bird. "His criminal history proves that he will continue to escalate in the viciousness of his crimes and he must be stopped before anyone else is injured or worse." (The victim's condition has improved, but remains in the hospital in serious condition.)

Chance has an extensive criminal history across the state for multiple charges of Battery, Assault, Hit and Run and drug charges. Arrests include crimes committed in Sumter, Pinellas and Jefferson counties as well as Polk County (to include arrests from Lake Wales and Winter Haven.) Chance has served time in the Florida State Prison for charges of Burglary of an Occupied Structure, Grand Theft of Firearm and Dealing in stolen Property.

Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of Chance or has recently encountered him is asked to call 9-1-1 or Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) immediately. Callers can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a CASH reward.

PREVIOUS RELEASES

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WINTER HAVEN – Winter Haven Police believe the man who attacked an 80- year-old clothing store clerk yesterday came to the store last Friday and is possibly the same man seen in a burglary at a local business on Sept. 5, 2014.

Detectives pulled surveillance video from Sept. 12, 2014 at Elonka's and the same suspect is seen coming into the store. He approached the clerk (the victim) and inquired about the models in the store. He continued to make small talk and ultimately left the store. He returned yesterday (Sept. 16, 2014) when he attacked the victim. (See original release below)

Detectives believe this is the same suspect seen at a business burglary in the 600 block of 6th St., SW on Sept. 5, 2014. In that case, the suspect enters the lobby area where the receptionist had stepped away from the desk for a moment. The suspect is seen going behind the counter and reaching underneath the desk taking a wallet. The clerk came back moments later after the suspect left the building.

The suspect is described as a black male, possibly 30 – 40 years of age, 6' tall with a medium build and clean shaven. In all three occasions, he is wearing a dark baseball hat and carrying a black backpack.

Anyone who has information on who this suspect is should call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS or 9-1-1. Police continue to look for the 80 year-old victim's 2009 white Chevrolet Impala, Fla tag # E57 8ZM.

ORIGINAL RELEASE FROM LAST NIGHT

Winter Haven Police are currently on scene of a robbery which occurred at Elonka's Fashions (130 Plaza Roadway, Winter Haven).

The suspect took the clerk's 2009 White Chevy Impala (FLA Tag #E57 8ZM). The vehicle has no unique markings.

*** UPDATED INFORMATION ON ROBBERY ***

Attached to this Alert - ZIP File containing video of suspect entering store and dragging victim to back room as well as still shots. Please note video titled "negative" appears as a photo negative appearance. At time roughly 16:16:06;59, the suspect is seen coming behind the counter to the victim).



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Other video clearer. Still shots - Although blurry, any coverage could yield tips regarding the suspect's walk and backpack which is clearly shown. This attack was on an 80 year old victim.

Brief:

On today's date (9-16-14) At approximately 4:06 p.m. the suspect entered the business and walked to the counter where the 80 year-old victim was standing.

A short conversation ensued. The suspect inquired about the restroom, but then attacked the clerk hitting her in the head eventually pushing her to a back room area out of camera view.

The suspect continued to beat the victim and demanded to know where her vehicle keys were located. After obtaining the keys, the suspect tied the victim up and placed a gag inside of her mouth. The suspect then grabs money from the cash register and fled in the victims 2009 white Chevrolet Impala, FL tag # E57 8ZM.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., the victim was able to free herself and called for help. Polk County Emergency Medical Services and Winter Haven Police Officers arrived on scene where the victim was in and out of consciousness. She was transported as a trauma alert to Lakeland Regional Medical Center. At the time of this update, she is in serious, but stable condition. (This case is still early in the investigation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available. Due to the age of the victim, we are not releasing her information.)

Police are asking anyone with information on the case or if anyone sees the victim's white Chevrolet Impala (FL# E57 8ZM) to call 9-1-1 immediately!

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