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ARREST UPDATE: CIGARETTE THEFT

190 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

PASO ROBLES, CA – The Paso Robles Police Department is pleased to announce the arrest of Sean Edward Roberts, DOB 04-22-1982, in connection to the theft of approximately \$3000 worth of cigarettes on January 21, 2018.

PRPD officers circulated surveillance footage of the theft to local law enforcement agencies who quickly responded. Our sister agencies helped PRPD investigators identify Sean Edward Roberts as one of the suspects.

Subsequent to his identification, Atascadero PD detectives located Roberts attending a court hearing (on an unrelated matter) in San Luis Obispo Superior Court. Again, our sister agency jumped into action and detained Roberts at the courthouse until PRPD detectives could arrive and make a formal arrest.

The investigation is ongoing and detectives are requesting the public's help locating an additional suspect, Nathan Anthony Tate, DOB 11-21-89. Investigators believe Tate is the second suspect depicted in store surveillance footage.

Anyone with information about Tate's whereabouts should contact PRPD Detective Eric Azarvand at 805-227-7424 or persons wishing to remain anonymous are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers' 24-hour hotline at 549- STOP or by texting "SLOTIPS" plus your message" to CRIMES (274637).

Nathan Tate: DOB 11-21-89



Sean Edward Roberts 04-22-82



ORIGINAL MEDIA RELEASE:

On Sunday, January 21, 2018 at approximately 1:35 AM, the Paso Robles Police Department received a report of a theft that had occurred earlier at the Chevron station located at 190 Niblick Road. According to the station clerk, two suspects stole two cases of cigarettes (41 cartons total of various brands) from behind the counter.

The clerk told officers that two male suspects entered the business and one went to the rear of the store and dropped a glass bottle from the display case. The lone clerk went to clean up the mess and when he was finished cleaning he noticed the two suspects were gone. Another patron asked the clerk if the two suspects possibly worked at the business because he had seen them leaving with boxes. The clerk checked the business surveillance video and saw that the suspects had stolen the cigarettes from behind the counter while he was distracted and cleaning up the mess they caused.

The suspects are both described as white males in their 20's (see attached photos). Suspect #1 was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants and a red baseball cap. Suspect #2 was wearing a dark colored hooded coat, dark colored pants and a red scarf.

Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects. The value of the stolen merchandise was estimated at almost \$3,000.00. There were no injuries during this incident.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Paso Robles Police Department at 805-237-6464. Persons wishing to remain anonymous are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers' 24-hour hotline at 549- STOP or by texting "SLOTIPS" plus your message" to CRIMES (274637).

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