

# **NEWPORT POLICE**

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## **Suspect Wanted in Armed Robbery**

On Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:27 p.m. an unknown white male approached (2) two female employees that were exiting the Dollar General located at 7111 US Hwy 70 East. The employees had just closed the business and were walking to their vehicles when the masked suspect ran up to them wielding a small caliber handgun and demanded their purses and any cash. The victims complied with the suspect's demands and were not injured during the robbery. The suspect fled on foot toward Bayberry Road crossing over both lanes of US Hwy 70. The suspect was described as a white male wearing a black ski mask, hooded camouflage coat, and faded blue jeans. Newport Police along with assistance from Carteret County Deputies and a Morehead City Police K-9 searched the area for evidence and the suspect but were unable to locate anyone.

Newport Police encourage all businesses and citizens to contact them immediately if they observe any suspicious activity. When employees and shoppers are exiting a business they should have their keys in hand and always be aware of their surroundings. Newport Police will provide an officer to escort employees to their vehicles at close of business if requested. Businesses can do this by contacting the Carteret County Emergency Communications Center at 252-726-1911 and requesting a Newport Police Officer for a Security Escort.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 Askar's Tobacco Shop, which is also located in this same area was robbed at gun point. On November 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 Newport Police arrested KRISTOFF LEWIS for that armed robbery. LEWIS is currently in jail awaiting trial.

Anyone with information about this current armed robbery is asked to contact Newport Police Department Detective Mike Alberti @ 223-5111 or email [newportpolice@newportpolice-nc.org](mailto:newportpolice@newportpolice-nc.org).