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TO: Press Sources

DATE OF INCIDENT: December 7, 2010 8:00 PM

LOCATION: 4290 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park (Smokes 4 Less)

INCIDENT: Hyde Park Police investigating armed robbery of Smokes 4 Less

On Tuesday evening at 8PM, Hyde Park Police received a call of a hold-up alarm from the Smokes 4 Less on Albany Post Road. Hyde Park Police arrived on the scene within minutes and confirmed that an armed robbery had just occurred.

The clerk reported to police that just before closing, a white male app. 6'04" tall, wearing dark baggy clothing, a hooded sweatshirt and a ski mask entered the store. He instructed the clerk to lock the door, displayed what appears to have been a semi-automatic pistol and then demanded the cell phone and wallet of a woman in the store. The suspect then demanded the money in the register and a number of cartons of cigarettes. The suspect removed the money from the register and took app. 20-30 cartons of cigarettes and placed them into a cardboard box from the store. He ordered both the clerk and the female into the walk-in humidor, and then fled the rear of the store on foot; neither the clerk nor the female were injured. The suspect was carrying a large cardboard box full of packs and cartons of cigarettes as he left, and it appears after he left the store he fled on foot in a southerly direction.

The suspect is described as a white male app. 6'04" tall, medium to stocky build. He was wearing baggy dark pants, a dark hooded sweatshirt, a grey hooded sweatshirt over that, and a dark coat. He was also wearing a ski mask and had the dark colored hood over his head. He was wearing what appear to be black and white running sneakers. Further review of the video reveals the possibility that the suspect was wearing a one-piece 'union' suit, dark in color. There is a possibility that a white vehicle (unknown make or model) was seen fleeing the scene shortly after the robbery, onto Pine Woods Road, and traveled in an eastbound direction.

Hyde Park Police are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect and the possible vehicle; it is believed that some of the other businesses in that strip mall were occupied and patrons may have been coming in and out, or were in the parking lot. Anyone with information on this incident or the suspect is strongly encouraged to contact the Town of Hyde Park Police Department at (845) 229-9340. All calls will be kept strictly confidential.

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