

OCEAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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The Ocean Shores Police Department is investigating an attempted armed robbery that occurred at the Ocean Shores IGA. At approximately 215 AM a 911 call was placed from the store indicating that a robbery had occurred. Arriving officers found that a night maintenance man had been placed inside a walk in cooler by a single gunman and told not to come out. After waiting for a period of time the maintenance man walked out from the cooler and called police. Two other store employees had been placed into a storage area after the gunman had demanded that they open the safe. Night workers do not have access to the safe. These two workers were discovered by police searching the store. The gunman told the employees that he had two additional accomplices but they were not seen. It appears that the gunman had hidden in the store after closing before confronting the employees. The Grays Harbor Sheriff's Department K-9 unit conducted a search of the area but no suspect was located. Nothing was immediately noticed as missing from the business. The suspect was described as a white male, 5'10, medium build, wearing a dark ski mask, dark vest, jeans and gloves. He was armed with a handgun.

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