

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 07-4176

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: May 16, 2007/9:09 PM

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: May 17, 2007/03:30 AM

NATURE OF STORY: Robbery I, Theft II

LOCATION: 24985 Highway 126, Veneta

INVOLVED: Taco Time International

INVOLVED: SUSPECT ; White male, 6' tall, approximately 150-185 lbs, possibly early 20's, ball cap, blond hair, grey hooded sweatshirt, light colored blue or black denim pants with a blue bandanna over the face carrying a black handgun.

DETAILS: On May 16, 2007 at approximately 9:09 PM, the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a call from an employee of the Veneta Taco Time advising that while attempting to close the business the above listed suspect male made entry and removed the money from the cash register. An employee came to the counter after hearing the till open and was challenged by a man holding a black handgun. The suspect ordered the employee to the back of the store where the dishwasher observed what was occurring. The dishwasher challenged the suspect and chased him from the business. The suspect fled westbound through the parking lot. Deputies searched the area and contacted local businesses for possible suspect information with negative results.

The suspect is described as White male, 6' tall, approximately 150-185 lbs, possibly early 20's, ball cap, blond hair, grey hooded sweatshirt, light colored blue or black denim pants with a blue bandanna over the face carrying a black handgun.

The investigation is continuing and Detectives from the Lane County Sheriff's Office will be handling the case.

Anyone with information should call the Lane County Sheriff's Office tip line at 682-4167

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