
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CASE NUMBERS: 11-3459; 11-3460; 11-3461

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 05/15/11 – 3:56 AM

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NATURE OF STORY: Burglaries in the Veneta area

LOCATION: Bartell's Meat Co. - 88091 Central Road, Eugene
Dari Mart - 25929 Territorial Hwy, Veneta
Gas n Go - 24927 Hwy 126, Veneta

DETAILS:

In the early morning hours of Sunday, 5/15/11, Deputies from the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to an alarm at the Dari Mart located at Hwy 126 and Ellmaker Road, just outside the Veneta City limits. While enroute there, a burglary was being reported at the Gas N Go inside the City of Veneta. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered someone had driven a vehicle through the front of the Dari Mart store. The suspect(s) pried open the front cabinet doors of an ATM located inside the store but were unsuccessful in gaining entry. There was no evidence of any other items being stolen from the store.

Deputies then responded to the Gas n Go and discovered someone had pried open the entry doors on the east side of the store and gained entry. The suspects stole several packs of cigarettes and departed. Evidence indicates there were (3) suspects, who were only in the store for approximately 2 minutes before departing. All the suspects wore hooded sweatshirts, attempting to conceal their identities. Video surveillance showed the suspects drove a white colored full size pickup truck with a flat bed.

Just a few minutes after LCSO received the calls about the Dari Mart and the Gas n Go in Veneta, another report of an alarm came in from the Bartell's Meat Co. located on Central Road, several miles east of Veneta near Hwy 126. A security company responded and discovered a burglary had taken place, with several doors to the facility pried open. LCSO's investigation of that burglary preliminarily determined there were several items stolen from the business, including a 1995 Dodge 3500 flatbed pickup, white in color, OR license plate T517465. The pickup stolen from Bartell's matched the pickup seen in the video at the Gas n Go. The stolen pickup has not yet been recovered.

Back in January of this year, another string of similar burglaries occurred. A utility truck was stolen from Bartell's and then subsequently used in burglaries at a Veneta Laundromat and the Veneta Gas n Go. Despite the stolen truck being recovered, no suspects have been identified in those cases.

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A great deal of evidence was collected in all of the burglaries and LCSO is following up on several leads.

Please call the Lane County Sheriff's Office if you have any information regarding these burglaries, including the location of the stolen 1995 Dodge 3500 flatbed pickup, white in color, OR license plate T517465.

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