



## Sumter Police Department

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### NEWS RELEASE

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## Police release sketch of suspect

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SUMTER, SC (Aug. 24, 2017) – Police are hopeful that witness accounts could help identify one of two men involved in a string of armed robberies in South Sumter since last week that are believed to be connected.

The latest happened at about 3 p.m. Wednesday at a package store at 310 Manning Ave. Two men, one wearing a bandana around his face, entered the store. One pointed a firearm and demanded money as the other took cash from the register.

No injuries were reported. However, the men were able to flee west on Bee Street with an undisclosed amount of cash, several mini-bottles and a bottle of liquor valued at \$20.

Officers were able to gather enough information to develop a composite sketch of one of the robbers.

In each of the four incidents, one of the men is described as about 6 feet tall while the other is about 5 feet 6 inches tall. Both are black males between 18 and 24 years old.

The robberies began Aug. 16 at Star Barbershop, 33 S. Sumter St. The next was reported Aug. 19 at Gentlemen's Barbershop, 408 W. Liberty St. and Monday at Carolina Barbershop, 224 Manning Ave.

In three barbershop cases, the robbers, who were masked and wearing dark-colored clothing, entered the businesses near closing times while pointing firearms. One or both of the robbers would then rummage through the barbers' and patrons' personal belongings and clothing before fleeing with cash, debit/credit cards, cell phones, keys and other items. No injuries have been reported.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to call the Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Tips can also be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC. A cash reward may be available for information leading to an arrest.

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Approved for media release by Chief Russell F. Roark, III

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