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**NEWS RELEASE #1**

**Date:** Thursday, August 11, 2011

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#### **Simple Shoplift turns into a robbery case in Edmonds. Please help identify suspect.**

On Monday, August 8th about 11:42 AM a simple shoplifting case turned into a robbery at the Top Foods grocery store in Edmonds, 21900 Hwy 99. Two males and one female entered the store and one of the males began concealing food items in his backpack. The manager saw the male concealing the items and waited at the front entrance to confront him.

One of the males and the female left the store without taking any role in the theft. They were later contacted by police and released.

The remaining suspect entered the self check register area with a small cart of food and began to scan a few items apparently attempting to disguise his theft. The suspect failed to complete the self check out, leaving the food items at the register and started to leave the store. He was stopped by the manager at the front entrance. The manager asked the suspect to open his backpack and when he did so the manager saw a handgun. The suspect grabbed the gun with his right hand and while keeping the gun concealed in the backpack he ordered the manager to back off. The suspect then ran from the store towards Hwy 99. Police searched the area with K-9 and a short time later recovered a backpack with food items from Top Foods and a very real looking air pistol. The suspect was last seen in the area of 216th and Hwy 99.

#### Suspect description:

White male, 20-22 years old, 5-8 to 5-10, 160-175, short brown hair, unknown eye color, nose ring (circle 'bull' type nasal septum piercing), "chin strap" beard, unknown style or type of tattoo on the lower right hip/abdomen area. Last seen wearing blue jeans, black hoodie with large white logo on the back, smaller logo on the left front, possible first name of Chris. May have recently been staying in a homeless camping area near the Wal-Mart, 112th St SW and Hwy 99 in south Everett.

If anyone recognizes this suspect or has any information regarding this crime please contact the Edmonds Police Department Tip Line at 425-771-0212.

Included in this Email are three still photos of the suspect. There is also a short video clip available to the media which can be obtained by contacting Det. Dave Honnen at 425-771-0283.

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