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Video Released of Robbery to Pizza Restaurant

You Tube Link:
http://youtu.be/8XZCBv-TAXM

At approximately 3:37 am, Sunday, March 24th, officers responded to Wood Fire Pizza at 344 First Avenue South regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred.

Officers learned that the business had been closed at the time of the robbery and that two employees were still working inside when one employee exited the rear door of the business to empty trash.

While outside he was approached by a lone w/m who punched him in the face and threatening him with a butcher knife. The suspect secured the employee’s hands with zip ties and then forced him back into the business and pushed him down on to the floor.

The suspect then made his way into an inner office where he confronted a 2nd employee, threatened her with the knife and then used zip ties to bind her hands as well. The suspect then took the night’s receipts that were lying on the office desk and fled the business.

The suspect was described as being in his 20’s, approximately 5’10”, 130 lbs., with a pockmarked/acne face, wearing a dark hoodie and was possibly riding a bicycle.

Detectives have released security video taken from inside and are asking for the public’s assistance in helping to identify the suspect in this case. They are asking anyone with information to call the St. Petersburg Police at 727-893-7780, or they may Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

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