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St. Petersburg Police Department Releases an Excellent Photo of a Commercial Burglary Suspect

On Sunday November 10, 2013 at 4:53 p.m., St. Petersburg Police Officers investigated a burglar alarm at Madico Window Films warehouse at 2788 Fairfield Avenue South.

The officers were unable to gain access to the building because it is surrounded with barbed-wire fencing. The officers checked the perimeter of the fencing and observed no obvious signs of forced entry to either the fencing or any exterior doors of the building. The alarm company was unable to contact the owner to respond and check his business, so the officers took no further action at that time.

A few hours later, 6:45 p.m., the same police officers responded to another burglar alarm at the same business. The officers again checked the perimeter of the business and this time noticed a door handle to a closed Fire Exit door at the northeast corner of the business was in an upright position, whereas it had been in a horizontal position earlier.

This time, the alarm company was able to locate the owner, Terry Eldridge, and he responded to the business.

Eldridge discovered several rolls of their most expensive window tint were missing from inside of the warehouse.

A closer check of the Fire Door at the northeast corner of the business revealed it had a faulty door lock that could be twisted the wrong way several times to open the door. A black glove, presumably left by the suspect, was also found inside the warehouse near an office door.

A surveillance camera mounted outside of the business revealed a photograph with a partial view of the suspect at the fire door.

While checking the images on the same camera, investigators discovered photographs of the suspect - dressed the same each time - gaining access at the same door of the building on two other occasions over the weekend: on Friday November 8, 2013 at 8:38 p.m. and again on Saturday November 9, 2013 at 9:47 a.m.

The photograph attached to this media alert was taken during the burglary on Friday night. It is the best photograph of the suspect.

The suspect is described as a black male with a mustache and slight chin hair, wearing a light or grey colored hooded sweatshirt with a black t-shirt underneath and light colored pants.
Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact our Communications Center at 727-893-7780. Anonymous tipsters can use our Tip Line at 727-892-5000 or Text a Tip at 727-420-8911.

Information by Bill Proffitt on Thursday November 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.