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St. Petersburg Police need help identifying a puppy snatcher.

You Tube link to surveillance video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReNnNQZA6ws&feature=share&list=UUVNu2TL3ix8NM_SVR8sXjkg

On Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at about 2 p.m., the puppy snatcher entered the Animal House Pet Center located at 950 34th Street North.

He loitered in the business for about 15 minutes before he snatched the puppy from a holding area.

The puppy is an unnamed, 10 week old, 2 pound, gray female Chihuahua with tan paws that is worth hundreds of dollars.

A customer in the store witnessed the puppy snatcher put the puppy into his backpack as he quickly left the store. The witness told a store employee of the crime, and the Assistant Manager subsequently called the police.

Detectives believe this puppy snatcher hangs out around that area of 34th Street North.

Suspect Description: Male, early 20’s, 6’1”, slender build, big crossed eyes, wearing red shirt, black pants, red shoes, and carrying a black backpack.

Anyone with information on the puppy snatcher’s identity is asked to call Detective Holly Hadrika at (727) 551-3142 or the Economic Crimes/Forgery Unit at (727) 893-7618.

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WANTED:

Puppy Snatcher

On Wednesday, 2/26/14 at 2:06 p.m., this suspect stole a 10 week old, 2 lb. gray female Chihuahua puppy with tan paws from the Animal House Pet Center, 950 34th St. N.

The suspect put the puppy, valued in the hundreds of dollars, inside of his backpack and fled the store.

If you can help ID this suspect, please call:
Detective Holly Hadrika or the Communications Center
(727) 551-3142
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