Angry Customer Smashes Quarter Game with Sledgehammer

On Sunday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m., a customer inside Teresa’s Food Mart, 2601 30th Avenue North, became frustrated when he played the quarters game several times and didn’t win. The customer walked out to his vehicle and came back inside to play one more time. When he lost again, he pulled out a sledgehammer from underneath his shirt and smashed the front glass of the coin-operated game. He then stole over $70.00 of cash from within the machine and left the store. The incident was captured on the store’s video surveillance system.

St. Petersburg Police Department investigators learned that the suspect was a Christopher Ivey, 10/21/1966, of 1776 Scranton Street South. Ivey was located and arrested at 5:00 p.m. today. He was charged with Felony Petit Theft and Criminal Mischief. Of note, Ivey was arrested for an armed bank robbery back in 1990 and served 18 years in prison.

The video of Ivey’s smashing the coin-operated machine is attached.

Refer to St. Petersburg Police Department report # 2016-023927.