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### **Media Alert Person of Interest**

Detectives would like to speak to a person of interest captured on the attached surveillance video. Investigators believe he has information about the armed robbery that occurred in the Tyrone Square Mall parking lot on November 23.

We are asking anyone who can help us identify him, please call the St. Petersburg Police Dept. at 893-7780 or text SPPD + the tip to TIP411.

Report #2017-053625 and 2017-053624

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From: St Petersburg Police Department

#### Armed Robbery in Mall Parking Lot

At 9:25 p.m., a 51 year old woman walking to her parked PT Cruiser in the Tyrone Square Mall parking lot noticed a man following her.

She hurried to get into her car and lock her door. The man then fired one shot into her car, and shattered her driver's side car window. He reached in and grabbed her purse and took off in a waiting Saturn.

The woman was not injured.

There were officers and mall security guards on the property, in the immediate area patrolling at the time.

Today and throughout the week-end, the police department will increase the number of police officers in all areas of the parking lot as well as inside the mall.

The Saturn was recovered shortly afterwards near 9th Ave. S /44th St. S. It had been reported stolen a few days ago. The vehicle was processed for evidence.

Detectives are investigating and viewing all available surveillance video from the area.

If anyone has information, please contact police at 893-7780 or text SPPD + your tip to TIP411. Refer to report #2017-053835