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## Police search for man who robbed Brighton pharmacy at gunpoint

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Boston Police said they are searching for a gun-wielding man who stormed a Brighton pharmacy in broad daylight, ordered everyone to the floor and demanded prescription drugs from a woman behind the counter.

The clerk told officers the man wore a surgical mask over his face when he robbed Sutherland Pharmacy at 1690 Commonwealth Ave. shortly after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, police said.

She described him as a white man, about 6-foot, three inches tall, between 30 and 35 years old, with light gray eyes, facial hair and wearing a dark sweatshirt with plaid material around his collar, said police, who released surveillance images of the man on Thursday.

When the man came into the store carrying a silver gun, he yelled "everyone get on the floor right now," the clerk told officers.

He then went to the pharmacy counter and yelled "get me the Xanax and the Klonopin," police said.

The clerk told police she feared for her life, ran to a safe and gave him all of the drugs he had demanded.

He quickly ran from the store and headed toward Wilson Park, police said.

Officers searched the area but did not find the man.

Xanax and Klonopin are both members of a class of drugs called benzodiazepines. They are often prescribed to treat panic disorder, anxiety and sometimes for people who experience epileptic seizures.

Both drugs are often frequently abused because they can create a sedative high that can produce a relaxed feeling.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call District D-14 detectives at 617-343-4256.

Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1-800-404-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27462)

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