



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Police seek 2 men in weekend robberies

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BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

A surveillance camera image showed men alleged to have been involved in robberies in Boston over the weekend.

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Boston Police on Sunday released surveillance camera images of two people who they said went on a 24-hour robbery spree this weekend, robbing five businesses — and trying to rob another — around downtown Boston and the North End.

The robberies started at a Cooper Street store just after 4 p.m. Saturday and ended at a shop on Hanover Street shortly after 3 p.m. Sunday, police said.

Employees told investigators that cash was taken from four convenience stores and a coffee shop, but goods were only taken from one store, police said.

A weapon was brandished during the robbery Sunday afternoon, when one of the suspects armed himself with a broken glass bottle, police said.

In two of the other five incidents, one robber told employees that he was armed, police said. The suspects

did not mention a weapon during the other incidents, police said.

The five businesses are located within three-quarters of a mile of each other.

The first robbery occurred about 4 p.m. Saturday at the Venice Convenience Store at 38 Cooper St. in the North End, police said. An attempted robbery was reported to police just after 7:30 p.m. at a 7-Eleven at 70 East India Row. About 30 minutes later, a robbery was reported at the Salem Market at 170 Salem St. A second 7-Eleven, at 103 State St., was robbed about 3 a.m. on Sunday, police said.

The Starbucks at 2 Atlantic Ave. on Lewis Wharf was robbed shortly before 7:30 a.m. Sunday. The final robbery was reported at 3 p.m. at Adam's convenience store at 149 Hanover St.

Witnesses in each robbery gave police similar descriptions of the two male suspects. One was described as a clean-shaven man in his early 20s or 30s, between 5-foot, 5-inches and 5-foot, 9-inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds, with short, black, slicked-back hair.

Police said this suspect appeared to change clothes between the four robberies, wearing a blue Adidas baseball cap, a black hooded sweatshirt, and black sweatpants in one, then a black winter cap and a white sweater for another. In another robbery, the suspect wore a dark-gray double-breasted pea coat. And police said a fourth outfit included a black jacket and a red T-shirt.

The second suspect was also described as a man in his mid 20s or 30s who was between 5-foot, 6-inches and 5-foot, 8-inches tall, and weighed 160 to 170 pounds.

He also apparently changed outfits several times during the alleged robbery spree, police said. During one robbery, the suspect wore a blue winter cap, a blue coat, and blue jeans; in another, a black winter cap with multicolored dark-and-white stripes, dark pants, and white sneakers. In a fourth, the suspect wore a gray hooded sweatshirt with a zipper.

Boston Police urged anyone with information to contact detectives at the department's downtown station at 617-343-4248. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling CrimeStoppers at 1-800-494-8477 or by texting the word TIP to CRIME (27463).

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