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### Police Seek Public's Help Identifying Robbery Suspect



**Riverside, CA** – On April 16, 2013, at approximately 12:30 PM, officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to a smoke shop located in the 1700 block of University, for a possible robbery / assault that just occurred. When officers arrived they found a female employee locked inside the location bleeding from a head wound. Officers forced entry inside the location and removed the victim from inside. Officers checked the business for the suspect, but he fled prior to their arrival. Personnel from the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response responded to the location to provide medical treatment to the victim. The victim was transported to a local area hospital where she is listed in critical, but stable condition.

Detectives from the Department's Robbery / Homicide Unit responded to the location and were assisted in their investigation by personnel from the Department's Forensics Unit. Preliminary investigation has revealed the suspect entered the business prior to 12:30 PM. After walking around inside the store for a few minutes, the suspect went behind the counter and struck the victim with a heavy, blunt object numerous times on the head. The victim appeared to lose consciousness during the incident. The suspect opened cash registers and took cash out of them. The suspect took other various items and prior to leaving the location, struck the victim one additional time in the back of the head.



The suspect is a Black male in his late thirties to early forties, approximately 6'00" tall and weighs approximately 210-230 pounds. The suspect has thick bushy hair with a receding hairline

This was a brutal and senseless attack and the Riverside Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying this suspect. Two surveillance video stills of the suspect are attached to this release.

Anyone with information regarding this suspect or this incident is asked to contact Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134 or Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135.

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