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\$15,000 worth of Cigarettes Stolen in Two Burglaries

Detective Ralph Morel of the Slidell Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying the suspects that broke into two stores in the Slidell area stealing an estimated \$15,000 worth of cigarettes.

Detective Ralph Morel is investigating two separate burglaries that occurred on Saturday, January 23rd, 2010. The first burglary was committed at Jack's Beverage located at 1126 Old Spanish Trail. At approximately 4:55 am Slidell Police Patrol Units responded to the location after the stores alarm system was activated. Once on the scene Officers discovered that the front glass door was shattered. The owner arrived and advised Officers that he had between 150 to 200 cartons of cigarettes missing. The stores video surveillance camera captured three black males breaking the front glass door with a large rock, then entering the store and placing the cigarettes into large garbage bags. The three suspects then leave in what appears to be a Ford pick-up.

The second burglary was reported to Slidell Police at 6:00 am on Saturday, January 23rd. The Store Manager for Winn Dixie located at 851 Brownsitch advised that he arrived to open the store and discovered that the front glass door was shattered. Upon further inspection by the manager and patrol officers they discovered that approximately 140 cartons of cigarettes and several bottles of alcohol were stolen.

Chief Freddy Drennan is releasing the attached photos that show two of the suspects. The video does not get a clear shot of the third suspect's face. The third suspect is seen wearing a dark blue hoodie with the hood pulled tightly around his face. The hoodie appears to have a gold emblem on the front with white writing above the emblem. There are no further details on the Ford pick-up

Anyone with information about this crime or the identities of the three suspects is asked to call Detective Ralph Morel at 985-646-4353 or on his cell phone at 985-290-3259.

To view the photos please visit our web site at www.slidell.la.us, click on "Police Department" then click on "Press Releases".

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