



BUSINESS WATCH NOTIFICATION



There have been several retail robberies around the Richmond Metro Area where the targets were businesses that primarily cater to females (ladies apparel, nail care, beauty products, etc.). In the past robberies, the suspect has entered the stores at closing time wearing a mask and displaying a weapon. Please be aware of these robberies and take extra precautions to deter your business from being a target. There have been no injuries during these crimes because the victims have complied with the suspects requests. If anything like this occurs at your business please comply with the suspect and do as they request. Remember your safety as well as your fellow employees or customer's safety is always first.

Confirm your signs for your alarm system are up and in conspicuous locations for all to see as well as signs for your surveillance system, if you have one. Activate your alarm system as a routine procedure when closing your business. Check to see that your lighting is illuminating as expected and is covering the necessary areas, especially entrances. Confirm their timing is adequate.

Take a walk around your property or strip center to make sure you are not providing any opportunities for "a would be criminal".

Try to eliminate or reduce the opportunity for your business to become a victim.

As always, please remember to contact the Sheriff's Office if you see or hear about suspicious activity immediately by either calling 911 or 804-365-6140. If you have security concerns or questions, please contact the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at 804-365-6110.

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