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MAN ARMED WITH KNIFE ROBS CONVENIENCE STORES AND ATTACKS CLERK

New Bedford, Massachusetts – On Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:18 AM a male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans armed with a knife ran into the Walgreen’s Pharmacy located at 1091 Kempton Street in New Bedford. This male demanded money and threatened to stab the clerk if she did not comply. When the clerk opened the register, the robber reached over the counter and stole the entire cash drawer containing an undetermined amount of cash and coins before fleeing on foot north on Cornell Street. An area search by responding officers was conducted but the suspect was not found.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 12:07 A.M. a male wearing a red bandana on his head wearing a dark outer garment with a large letter “A” on the back armed with a knife burst through the door of the Cumberland Farms located at 810 Rockdale Avenue (*just east of Walgreens*). The robber demanded money and threatened the clerk with being stabbed if he did not comply. After the clerk gave the robber money from one register the robber demanded that the clerk open the second register. When the clerk refused and tried to flee, the robber chased him down with the knife while threatening to stab him. After the clerk opened the second register, the robber fled the store with an undetermined amount of cash.

Just (16) minutes later at 12:23 A.M. while officers were still on scene at the Cumberland Farms, the New Bedford Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call for an armed robbery at the 7 Eleven located at 1389 Phillips Road. The call was from the store clerk who reported that a male wearing boots, blue jeans, a dark outer garment with the letter “A” on the back, wearing a red bandana or do-rag on his head with a white bandana or do-rag over his face armed with a knife approached him while standing outside the store. The masked, armed male then forced the clerk into the store. When the clerk attempted to call 911 the suspect punched him in the head and cut him above his eye with the knife. The robber then took the cash from the register and fled the store with an undetermined amount of cash.

All (3) robberies appear to have been committed by the same robber who has been described as a white male with light eyes, often wearing a dark outer garment (jacket or sweatshirt) with a large letter “A” on the back, approximately 5’10” to 6’00” in height with a medium build. In all (3) robberies this male brandished a knife.

The New Bedford Police Detective Division is following several strong leads in this case but urges anyone with **any** information to contact the anonymous violent crime tip line at 508.961.4584 or Detective Andrew Simmons at 508.991.6320.

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