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## Deputies Search for Prolific Business Burglar

Case#13-515064

December 26, 2013—Sheriff's Deputies are searching for a prolific burglar that is believed to have broken into dozens of local small businesses.

On Thursday morning at about 5:25 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a business burglary alarm at 19530 SW Shaw Street at Clarkes Discount Inc., in the community of Aloha. Deputies found the front glass door of the business had been smashed allowing the suspect access to the building.

These "smash and grab" type of crimes have significantly increased recently. This same method has been used in dozens of burglaries which began prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The burglaries have occurred along the main business roadways from Hillsboro to Newberg. While the type of businesses and methods are very similar, investigators have not been able to conclusively connect them.

At 5:43 a.m., deputies responded to another business burglary alarm at 5990 SW 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite F, at Indoor Hydroponics. The front glass door was shattered and items inside were in disarray. Deputies searched the area and found a fourth victim business at 5990 SW 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite D, at La Morenita. That business had the front glass door shattered but because the glass remained in the door frame, entry was not made.



At 5:54 a.m., a Sheriff's Deputy was searching for additional victims and found a large industrial garage door at 19040 SW Shaw Street had been smashed in by a vehicle allowing access to Factory Motor Parts, a wholesale auto parts distributor (photo attached). The cash drawer area was ransacked. (A video of the burglar crashing into the garage is available).

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is concerned with the suspect's escalating behavior, as these crimes display signs of desperation and frustration based on the small amounts of cash stolen.

Detectives are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 846-2500.