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Thief Targets Tip Jars in North Berkeley

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Berkeley, California (October 10, 2013) - The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) is seeking the community's help in identifying a suspect responsible for several thefts from local businesses in north Berkeley.

BPD is investigating several thefts where the suspect enters local businesses and targets the tip jars and customers' property. In the past month the suspect has stolen property from three different businesses located in north Berkeley.

Based on the current investigation and related video footage it is believed the suspect is responsible for the following thefts:

September 13, 2013, 6:15 p.m., 1500 Block of Shattuck Avenue, Stolen Laptop

October 5, 2013, 8:40 p.m., 1800 block of Euclid Avenue, Stolen Tip Jar

October 6, 2013, 4:13 p.m., 1800 block of Euclid Avenue, Stolen Tip Jar



The suspect is described as:

"African American Male, 35-40 years old, '7"-5'10", 180-190 pounds, dark complexion, black hair receding hair line, pulled back into a ponytail wearing dark frame glasses."

BPD would like to remind and encourage community members to employ a few crime prevention measures that can reduce your risk as well as discourage those who commit these crimes.

- Do not leave property unattended.
- Purses and backpacks hung on chairs are easy targets for theft.
- Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Report suspicious person or activities.

Police are urging the public to be on the lookout for this suspect. If you see this suspect, please call BPD to report his location.

BPD is urging anyone with knowledge of the suspect's identity or of the crimes to please contact our Property Crimes Detail at 510-981-5737 or our non-emergency line at 510-981-5900. If a person wishes to remain anonymous he/she can call Bay Area Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).