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## Theft Suspects Being Sought

June 12, 2013 (Wildwood, FL) – The Sumter County Sheriff's Office and Wildwood Police Department are investigating similar theft complaints where the suspects distracted the victims to facilitate the thefts.

The first theft occurred on June 11, 2013 at approximately 12:30 AM at the CITGO located at 391 E. SR 44 Wildwood, Florida. In this case, two suspects attempted to distract the store clerk while a third suspect attempted to steal a laptop computer. The store clerk observed the theft and intervened, and prevented the theft. All suspects fled the store in a Silver colored Chevrolet Malibu.

The second theft occurred on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at approximately 14:46 PM at Terrascape Landscaping and Nursery Company located at 9890 Hwy 301 within the City of Wildwood. In this case, two suspects again enter the business distracting employees before a third suspect enters an empty office and removes an undisclosed amount of money from a desk. It is believed they were in a Silver colored Chevrolet Sedan.



The suspects depicted in these surveillance photographs from Terrascape Landscaping and Nursery Company show suspects 1 and 2 (above) entering to distract employees while a third suspect (left) is seen entering the business to commit the theft. Businesses are advised to take necessary precautions when dealing with multiple customers and to keep all unoccupied offices locked and secured.

If anyone has had similar incidents or knows the identity of these subjects please contact Detective Israel Istre at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at (352) 569-1680 or by email at [istre@sumtercountysheriff.org](mailto:istre@sumtercountysheriff.org) or Detective Donnie Smith at Wildwood Police Department at (352) 330-1355, ext. 241 or by email at [Smithdc@flcjn.net](mailto:Smithdc@flcjn.net), or call Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS. Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.

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