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ODENTON

Video store robbed

An armed couple robbed an Odenton Blockbuster video store early Saturday after tying up the employees, county police said.

The man and woman entered the store at 1496 Annapolis Road shortly before 1:30 a.m. and began looking at videos. As employees prepared to close the store, the pair came to the register with video rentals.

The man then showed a handgun in his waistband and demanded that all the employees come to the front of the store. He then forced them all into a rear office where the pair bound their feet and hands.

The robbers stole several Sony PlayStation video game systems and an undisclosed amount of cash before leaving. The employees eventually freed themselves and called police. No one was injured.

The man was described as white, in his late 30s, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, with brown hair and wearing a gray sweatshirt and green Army fatigue-style pants.

The woman was described as white, in her early 20s, about 5 feet 6 inches tall with a heavy build and light brownish blond hair. She wore a black cap, a navy blue sweatshirt and black pants.

GAMBRILLS

Phone, cash taken

Landing a job is tough, especially when you get caught stealing from the person interviewing you.

But that's what police said a Randallstown woman did during a job interview at a Gambrills assisted living center on Thursday.

Police charged Lisa R. Griffin, 40, with theft after she allegedly stole a ***cell phone***, a $100 bill and several bottles of pills from the desk and purse of Sandy Barley of Kris-Leigh Assisted Living in Gambrills.

According to police, Ms. Barley left Ms. Griffin in her office during the interview for about 10 minutes shortly before 6 p.m. and returned to find Ms. Griffin standing behind her desk putting bottles of medication in her purse.

When confronted, Ms. Griffin said she was sorry and gave back four bottles of pills she'd taken, police said. Ms. Barley then discovered a $100 bill missing from her pocketbook.

After Ms. Griffin denied taking it, Ms. Barley called police, and they searched her but didn't find the cash. However, after officers took her to a police station, they strip-searched her after a metal detector kept activating near her posterior.

Police then recovered a blue Nokia ***cell phone*** and $127 in cash, police said.

Police returned the phone and a $100 bill to Ms. Barley that night.

Electronics store robbed

Two men robbed a Gambrills electronics store Dec. 20 and bound the store manager, county police said.

The men entered the Electronics Boutique at 2626 Chapel Lake Drive about 10:40 a.m. and ordered the manager to the ground at gunpoint. The robbers then walked him to a rear storage room and bound his wrists with plastic flex cuffs.

After forcing the manager to the ground again, the robbers stole cash from the safe and grabbed numerous video game players and games before leaving from the back of the store.

One man was described as black, between the ages of 27 and 29, heavy set, 5 feet 10 inches tall with short hair and a pudgy face, police said.

The other man was described as black, between the ages of 24 and 26, with a thin build, 6 feet tall with a mustache and goatee and wearing a red backpack.

SEVERN

Barricade ends

County police arrested a Severn man Monday who allegedly choked his girlfriend and barricaded himself in his home for more than four hours before surrendering.

Michael P. Brock, 45, of 1148 Thompson Ave., was charged with first- and second-degree assault and reckless endangerment, police said.

According to police, Mr. Brock pinned his girlfriend against a wall inside their home and choked her before she was able to free herself and run to a nearby business to call police about 8:15 p.m. Her name was unavailable.

When police arrived, Mr. Brock refused to come outside. Several dozen members of the Special Operations Section responded and the man was eventually arrested about 12:32 a.m. after voluntarily surrendering to police

Armed robbery

A Severn man told county police he was robbed at gunpoint on Christmas Eve outside the Glen Burnie Mall.

Eric M. Horton said he was walking through the mall parking lot about 2 p.m. when two men in a blue Chevrolet pickup truck pulled up and called him over.

When Mr. Horton got to the truck, the passenger pulled out a handgun and told him to turn over his bag and money or he would be shot. Mr. Horton handed over his bag and wallet, and the truck drove away as Mr. Horton went inside to call police.

One of the truck passengers was a white man in his mid 20s with a scruffy goatee, dirty blond hair cut to shoulder length and green camoflauge pants.

The other passenger was a white man in his mid 20s wearing blue jeans and a backwards red baseball cap.

HANOVER

Trailers damaged

County fire investigators are searching for the cause of two fires at a Hanover construction site over the weekend that caused $24,000 damage.

Firefighters responded to the first blaze about 3:35 a.m. Saturday at the construction site at Dorsey and Wright roads and found a 12-foot-by-46-foot trailer on fire, said Capt. Lee Cornwell, a Fire Department spokesman.

By the time firefighters had the blaze under control about 35 minutes later, it was all but destroyed, he said.

Then Sunday about 3:11 a.m., crews were called back to the site and found another trailer at the site ablaze, Capt. Cornwell said. It also was heavily damaged.

The trailers were owned by Allied Trailer Leasing and occupied by Florida Rock Properties, he said.

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