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News Release

HPD Investigates Commercial Robbery

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The Harrisonburg Police Department is investigating a commercial robbery that took place last night.

On Jan. 3, just before 10 p.m. officers responded to Long John Silver's, 1760 E. Market St. for a robbery that had just occurred.

As two employees were preparing to close down the restaurant, an unknown male entered the business and demanded money.

During the robbery, the offender claimed to have a gun in his coat pocket; however, a weapon was never displayed.

Money was taken from the restaurant and the male offender was last seen fleeing the area on foot, headed westbound.

The offender is described as a light-skinned male, approximately five feet eight inches tall, and 150 pounds. He was wearing a dark mask covering his face, a striped coat, and jeans.

No one was injured during this incident.

Investigators will examine evidence that was collected at the scene along with following up with victims and other businesses in the area for additional information.

Anyone with information, who wishes to remain anonymous, is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).