Arrests Made in Serial Plaid Pantry Robberies

Two 15 year old male suspects have been arrested for two armed robberies of a Plaid Pantry store. On August 4th and 12th, 2015 the Plaid Pantry located at 7545 SW Oleson Rd was robbed by armed suspect(s).

During the first robbery the clerk was physically assaulted and locked in the bathroom by a single suspect. During the second robbery the same clerk saw two suspects enter the store and locked himself in the bathroom to avoid harm. On both robberies an undisclosed amount of money was taken.

Plaid Pantry had offered a $5,000.00 reward for information that would assist in the identification and arrest of the suspects. Beaverton Police Detectives distributed reward flyers with descriptions and photos of the disguised suspects. A citizen saw one of the flyers and recognized one of the suspects as Austin Riley Mendler and notified the Beaverton Police. Mendler was arrested on Saturday, September 12th and the second suspect was identified as Timothy Owen Harris and he was arrested today. Both of Mendler and Harris admitted to committing these robberies.

Both Mendler and Harris have been lodged at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Center on the charge of Robbery in the first degree. This case is being handled by the Washington County District Attorney’s Office. Robbery in the first degree is a measure 11 crime and a class A felony so they are both being charged as adults.

We would like to thank the community for the assistance they provided on this investigation. This is a prime example of how the community and police working together makes our home safer.

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