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SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDRENS' HOME ROBBED; POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP TO SOLVE THE CASE

WHO: Suspect: Black male
Age: 20-30 years old
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 170 lbs.
LSW: black ski mask, dark pants, dark shirt, black gloves and white sneakers

WHAT: Home Invasion/Armed Robbery

WHEN: August 31, 2009
9:47 a.m.

WHERE: Tampa Bay Group Home, Inc.
1897 Princeton Dr.
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: On August 31, 2009, a man wearing a black ski mask with dark clothing, entered the Tampa Bay Group Home (children's special needs residence) through the front door. He encountered the one employee working in the office and ordered her to the floor at gunpoint. The suspect then went to the closet and retrieved a small black safe. The safe contained an undisclosed amount of money, which belonged to the children of the home. The suspect fled the scene, possibly in a white vehicle. The employee was not injured and no children were in the immediate area during the time of the robbery.

The safe stolen is a black Sentry Safe Model DS3431. Its dimensions are approximately 18"H x 16" W x 19" D. It weighs 99 lbs. A photo of the safe model is attached.

Detectives are asking anyone with information about this case to call the Clearwater Police Tip Line at 562-4422. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online at www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org.

