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CLEARWATER POLICE ARREST SERIAL CIGARETTE BURGLAR

WHO: Leon Brooks (Arrested)
B/M DOB 3-08-61
LKA: Transient
CHARGES: Commercial Burglary (6 counts)
Dealing in Stolen Property (2 counts)

WHAT: Commercial Burglary Suspect Arrested

WHEN/

WHERE: April 14, 2009 @ 2:41 a.m.
Munchees Food Store
1808 Sunset Point Road
Clearwater, Fla.
\$1200 worth of cigarettes

April 16, 2009 @ 1:41 a.m.
Exxon Station
1285 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, Fla.
\$800 worth of cigarettes

April 17, 2009 @ 5:25 a.m.
Walgreen's
814 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, Fla.
\$1650 worth of cigarettes

April 18, 2009 @ 4:36 a.m.
Walgreen's
1880 N. Belcher Road
Clearwater, Fla.
\$440 worth cigarettes

April 22, 2009 @ 2:42 a.m.
Road Runner
1103 Court Street
Clearwater, Fla.
\$500 worth of cigarettes

April 28, 2009 @ 2:36 a.m.
Dodge Store
560 NE Cleveland Street
Clearwater, Fla.
\$560 worth of cigarettes

WHY: Since April 7, 2009, Clearwater Police have been investigating a series of burglaries during the early morning hours. In each of the cases, the suspect smashed out the windows of convenience stores and stole cartons of cigarettes.

Detectives were able to identify Leon Brooks as a suspect. They received tips about Books selling cigarettes on the street. Officers located Books at a residence on N. Osceola Street and took him into custody without incident. He was arrested for six counts of commercial burglary and two counts of dealing in stolen property. Additional charges are pending.

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