



# News Release

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## **Request for the Public's Assistance in Identifying a Burglary Suspect**

On Saturday, November 11, 2007 at approximately 5:10 p.m., deputies responded to a residence in the 4900 block of Friendly Grove Road NE for a citizen's report of a burglary. At the same time an alarm company notified dispatch of an activated burglary alarm at the same address.

Once at the scene, deputies contacted the victim who stated that she was in her home when she heard a loud noise at her neighbor's residence. The victim walked outside toward her neighbor's house to investigate when an unknown male, walking away from the neighbor's house, walked up to her and sprayed her with pepper spray.

The suspect continued past the victim and left in an unknown vehicle.

Upon inspecting the neighbor's home it was discovered that the window in the front door and rear sliding door were broken.

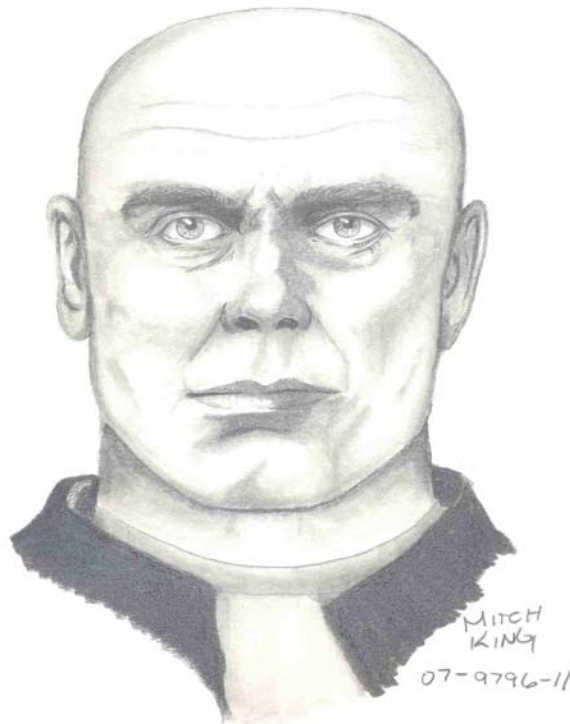
The victim was not injured.

An artist from the sheriff's office and the victim were able to create a sketch of the suspect.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 40's, 6 feet tall with a husky build. He was last seen wearing a black, waist-length leather coat, gray T-shirt and light colored blue jeans.

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in helping to identify this suspect.

Anyone with any information on this crime, or the identity of the suspect is encouraged to telephone the Thurston County Sheriff's Office at 360-786-5500 or 360-704-2740, or Thurston County Crime Stoppers at 360-493-2222.



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