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Sheriff seeks Speedway robber

McKinley County Sheriff's Office Investigator Joey Guillen is looking for help from the public to identify the person involved in a robbery at 7:42 am April 6 at the Speedway in Vanderwagen.

Officer Jeff Barnhurst caught the call of a possible robbery in progress.

When he arrived he saw a man leaving the store.

As he approached the front door, manager Anita Spencer said she had been working on stock inventory in the back when she heard the front door bell. Then she heard the cooler door open and she headed for the front of the store.

When she got there she saw a man heading for the exit with two cans of beer and she called out. She said he turned and told her to open the register and give him all the cash, and he threatened her.

She said she set off the alarm, opened the register and gave him the cash.

Barnhurst looked at the video while security tape was put up to shut down the business. He said he saw a man about six feet tall, around 230 pounds in a blue L.A. Dodgers hoodie and dark Dodgers ball cap. He saw the man leave the store and get into the passenger side of a black KIA Soul and head south on New Mexico State Road 602.

Guillen says no license plate number was recorded. He says he is not sure that there was a plate on the car at the time.

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Deputies are patrolling the area and cruising side streets hoping to see either the car or the suspect.

The cashier could not give a description because the suspect's face was covered.

"This isn't someone we're looking for from previous incidents," Guillen said.

Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to call Crimestoppers at (505) 722-6161.