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## **Man used knife in store robbery, left with cash**

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Walled Lake police are searching for the suspect responsible for a Friday, Nov. 21 robbery involving a knife at the Wine Barrel on East Walled Lake Drive.

Police officers were dispatched to the market when a hold up alarm was tripped. Once police arrived they escorted customers and owner from the premises before conducting their search.

The suspect had already vacated the premises; therefore, police dispatched the suspect's description information to area departments and requested the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to send a K-9 unit for assistance in tracking the suspect. The K-9 couldn't locate the suspect.

A sketch artist also arrived on the scene and drew the suspect in accordance with descriptions given by the witnesses.

The suspect was described as a black male between the ages of 35 and 40. He was approximately 6-feet-2-inches tall, heavy set, and unshaven. He was last seen wearing a dark cap and a hunter orange zip-up sweatshirt.

The suspect reportedly entered the store brandishing a 6-inch hunting knife at approximately 12:45 p.m. He demanded money from the cash register, and the owner handed over cash. The suspect then forced the victim to the rear of the store at knife point, where she was left in an office. He then exited the area in an unknown direction. No witnesses could say whether the suspect used a vehicle to get away.

Police issued a "be on the lookout" bulletin and have sent a sketch of the suspect to other departments.