



**MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ROBERT L. CROWDER, SHERIFF**

**DETECTIVES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION
MCDONALD'S BURGLARY AND GRAND THEFT**

May 12, 2011—Detectives with the Martin County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division are conducting an investigation into a burglary and grand theft reported at the McDonald's restaurant located at 3600 SE Federal Highway in Stuart (Wedgewood Common's shopping plaza).

Deputies responded on May 12, 2011, at approximately 3:20 a.m. and the manager on-duty at the McDonald's gave the following account of the incident: She stated she received a phone call from a person named "Charlie" whom she believed to be the owner of the restaurant. "Charlie" instructed her to count the money from the register and put it on the counter. He stated he would be there shortly with a pest control employee and would retrieve the money. Approximately fifteen minutes later she received another phone call from "Charlie" instructing her to turn off the outside lights and wait in the lobby of the restaurant with the other employees on duty. She received a third and fourth phone call from "Charlie" inquiring if the money was ready and if she was in the lobby and also telling her she hadn't turned off one of the outside lights.

After waiting in the lobby area approximately ten minutes, she returned to the area where she had left the money and noticed it was gone. A review of the video surveillance shows a male, approximately 5'6" to 5'9", thin build, wearing all black climb thru the rear drive-thru window, enter the room where the money was located, take the money, and exit using the drive-thru window again. The total amount of money reported taken was \$1374.00.

The owner of the restaurant, Charles Selgas, was interviewed by detectives and stated that he did not phone the restaurant and speak with the employees. He also had no knowledge of any pest control appointments. While conducting the preliminary investigation another McDonald's employee, Jeremiah Scales, was taken into custody regarding a violation of probation warrant from Palm Beach County.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Martin County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at 772 220-7060.

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