

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Man charged for second convenience store robbery

December 14, 2010 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the Rogers Police Department announced that criminal charges have been filed in a robbery of a Rogers convenience store on July 24, 2010. The same store was robbed on July 6, 2010 and the same man has been charged in both incidents.

18-year-old Lonnie Jerry Williams of Eden Prairie has now been charged with first degree aggravated robbery in the July 24 incident. Last month, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office charged Williams with aggravated robbery for the July 6 incident.

On July 6, three men entered a Super America (21550 South Diamond Lake Road, Rogers). The men took money from the cash register and they took cigarettes.

One man, who pointed a gun at the store clerk, dropped a box of cigarettes while fleeing from the store. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab analyzed a fingerprint on the cigarette box. That was among the evidence that led investigators to the suspect, Lonnie Jerry Williams.

According to the criminal complaint, Williams admitted to Sheriff's Office detectives that he was involved in the July 24 robbery and said he "felt bad" that he robbed the same clerk on July 6. Both robberies remain under investigation. If you have information about either of these crimes, please contact the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Tipline at 1-888-988-TIPS.

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