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Smash & Grab Burglaries

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The Pima County Sheriff's Department has experienced a rash of "smash and grab" burglaries on the northwest side of Tucson. The burglaries appear to be committed by one individual who historically walks through the front door of a closed convenience store. The suspect forces entry through the front door or window to gain entry before grabbing cigarettes and fleeing the store. There have been ten incidents from January 2009 to August 2009.

Incident locations include the northwest area of Tucson between River Road and Ina Road, and Oracle Road to La Cholla Blvd.

Detectives from the Burglary Unit are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a possible suspect in these incidents. He is described as a Caucasian male, 20 – 30 years old. Detectives are releasing a video clip from one of the incidents that depicts the typical actions of the suspect. If you would like a copy of the clip, please contact the Public Information Officer.

Anyone with information as to the possible identity of the suspect is asked to contact 911 or 88-CRIME.

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