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SEVERAL LEE BUSINESSES BURGLARIZED

Lee, MA: On August 31, an employee from JFJ Sales and Service on Housatonic Street reported that during the previous night someone had broken a side window to gain entry into the building. He reported that approximately \$596 in cash had been taken. The Lee Police Department requested the assistance of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services who responded to the scene to help collect evidence.

Over the Labor Day weekend, several other businesses in Lee were burglarized. The owners of Joe's Diner on Main Street reported on Saturday morning, September 2, that a small amount of cash was taken from the restaurant the night before. Entrance was gained by the suspect by breaking glass in one of the doors. On Monday morning, September 4th, an employee of Bella Tan on Laurel Street reported that someone had gained entry over the weekend into the salon through a small window. The employee reported that approximately \$100 in cash and coins was missing. The owner of Jill's Country Kitchen in Park Plaza also called Monday morning to report that someone had forced entry into his restaurant and stole approximately \$70 in cash. On Tuesday morning, the owner of Hair Unlimited of Park Place reported someone had forced entry into her business but as no cash was left in the register, there was nothing apparently missing. Also on Tuesday, the owner of the Red Apple restaurant in Park Plaza reported that someone had broken a window to gain entry into his restaurant and steal approximately \$130 in cash and coins. State Police Crime Scene Services returned to the scene of some of the burglaries again on Tuesday to work with the Lee Police officers on the collection of additional physical evidence.

Investigating officers believe that at least some if not all of the burglaries are related. Police are currently looking at several potential suspects and are processing evidence recovered at the scene of several of the burglaries. Anyone with information regarding any of these cases should contact the Lee Police Department at 413-243-5530.

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