

Over 50 Robberies Plague West Side CVS Locations

CLEVELAND – Since March 2017, two CVS locations on Cleveland's west side have been plagued with numerous robberies and thefts committed by at least eight (8) suspected juveniles.

Cleveland Police Department's First District and Prosecutor O'Malley are asking the public to help identify these individuals to hold them accountable and to ensure the safety of employees and members of the surrounding communities.

Since March 2007, the CVS location at 3171 West Blvd. has been robbed 24 times. The CVS at 10022 Madison Avenue has been robbed 32 times since July. The store's most recent robbery occurred on October 21. They steal as much merchandise as they can carry and also fill stolen trash bags with store merchandise.

CVS has hired loss prevention security guards. In response to the added security, they have physically forced their way past security. On several occasions, they attempted to kick down security doors, push security guards and throw objects at them. CVS vendors, employees, and patrons have also been pushed and shoved.

"The robberies are continuing to escalate which affects the lives and well-being of CVS employees and patrons," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "The citizens in these communities are unable to go to work without fear of being robbed or worse."

If you have information, please contact Cleveland Police Department's First District at (216) 623-5100.