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**Police Seek Help Identifying Robbery Suspect**

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis is requesting assistance from the public in identifying an individual believed to be responsible for four robberies in South St. Louis.

Police believe the suspect most recently committed a robbery on October 25, at 8:00 a.m. outside the Walgreens located at 3631 Gravois.

The suspect is believed to responsible for three additional robberies on October 23 that occurred at the following locations:

- Robbery outside Schnucks located at 3430 South Grand
- Robbery outside Gravois Plaza located at 3881 Gravois
- Attempted Robbery outside Target located at 4255 Hampton

In all four of the incidents the suspect approached the victims, all of whom are women, after they were leaving a store and walking to their cars. The suspect assaulted the women and demanded property from the victims. During the incident at 3881 Gravois, the suspect entered the victim's vehicle and drove away with the victim in the passenger's seat. During the incident at 3430 South Grand, the suspect got into the vehicle with the victim and forced her drive. During one of the incidents he displayed a handgun while indicating he had a gun during another incident.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 40s with dark complexion. Investigators believe the suspect changed clothes in between each crime, but in all incidents he was described as wearing white patent leather tennis shoes with a black lining around the toes. The attached pictures are from surveillance video taken during the robbery at 3881 Gravois.

Anyone with information is urged to contact CrimeStoppers at 1-866-371-TIPS. Callers can remain anonymous. Callers who provide information that leads to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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