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| TYPE OF INCIDENT: | <u>Distraction Theft</u> | CASE NUMBER: | <u>8030205</u> |
| ADDRESS: | <u>Wal-Mart, 3200 Old Boynton Road</u> | PAGES TO FOLLOW | <u>0</u> |
| DATE OF INCIDENT: | <u>June 25, 2008</u> | TIME: | <u>9:38 p.m.</u> |
| DETECTIVE: | <u>Detective Michael Vail</u> | | |



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Police need the public's assistance in identifying two women who stole nearly \$500 from Wal-Mart on Old Boynton Road by distracting a cashier with their fascination of \$50 and \$20 bills.

It happened around 9:40 p.m. on June 25 when one of the women bought a magazine for \$4.30. The woman handed the cashier a \$100 bill. The cashier opened the register and counted out \$95.70 in change. The woman, who spoke with a thick accent from an unknown country, told the cashier she'd never seen a \$50 bill before, reached into the register and removed the money. The woman then fanned the bills open like a deck of cards and admired them. As she slipped a few of the bills into her purse with her left hand, she handed the rest back to the cashier with her right hand.

She then did the same thing with a stack of \$20 bills. The total loss to Wal-Mart is \$480.

It is believed that these women have used the same "till tapper" tactics to steal from this and other Wal-Mart stores in the past.

Anyone who recognizes these women is asked to call Detective Michael Vail at (561) 742-6159, Sgt. Frank Ranzie at (561) 742-6132 or Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County at (800) 458-TIPS.

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