

Former motel clerk sought in Days Inn robbery

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Police are looking for the former front desk clerk of a northeast Bend motel who in August reported an armed robbery, but whom they now believe made up the story and is responsible for the theft himself.

Luis Humberto Rivera-Torres: photo provided by BPD Since August 9, Bend Police detectives have been investigating the report made by Luis Humberto Rivera-Torres, the only Days Inn employee on duty at the time of the incident they now believe didn't happen, Detective Brian Beekman said.

Rivera-Torres was indicted by a Deschutes County Grand Jury and an arrest warrant was issued for initiating a false report and first-degree theft, a news release stated. This is not the first time he has had contact with law enforcement - according to online police reports, Rivera-Torres was cited for second-degree theft on June 11 at 61479 S. Hwy. 97, which is the location of a Taco Time restaurant.

While declining to say the amount of money the suspect allegedly took from the Days Inn, the detective indicated it would have to be a minimum of \$750 in order to warrant the first-degree stipulation related to the theft charge.

At the time, Rivera-Torres told police that one man armed with a knife robbed the motel at 849 NE Third Street while another man acted as a lookout. He said both men then fled the scene on foot, and gave a very detailed description of the knife-wielding “robber” right down to his race, age, height, build, color and length of hair, piercings, tattoos, and clothing, Lt. Ken Stenkamp said.

Detective Beekman asks anyone with information about the whereabouts of Rivera-Torres to phone police at their non-emergency dispatch number, 541-693-6911