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## **Sheriff's deputies seek male robbery suspect**

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Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies are searching for a male suspect involved in a strong arm robbery that occurred around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, near the Highland Hills Golf Course in Highland Township.

Deputies found a couple at the White Lake Market on Ormond Road after they had placed a call reporting the robbery. The couple took the responding deputy to the scene of the incident, which reportedly occurred on Oakland Road.

The couple told police they are from Davisburg and were on their way to a friend's house on Duck Lake Road when they got lost. While driving they noticed a man standing on the side of the road. The couple approached the man and asked for directions. The man told them he knew exactly where they wanted to go and said he could show them because he was heading that way himself.

The couple let the man into the back seat of their Grand Am. In the car the man introduced himself as Brian.

While driving, the driver handed his girlfriend some cash from a payroll check he had cashed earlier that night. The girlfriend placed the cash under her leg.

The man in the back seat saw the cash and began to punch the driver in the back of the head and yelled, "Give me the money."

The girlfriend began to scream. The car stopped, the woman got out and opened the back door screaming at the man and threatening to call police.

The suspect grabbed the money that was on the passenger seat and got out of the car. He then ran down the road.

The couple described the man as a white male, approximately 6-feet-tall and 200 pounds. He was between the ages of 18 and 20. He was wearing a green, possibly camouflage hooded jacket and blue jeans at the time of the incident. The suspect had reddish-blond hair and a beard of the same color.

A K-9 unit tracked the man's scent to a house but no one there matched the suspect's description.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information on the case is asked to call the Tip Line at 888-887-6146, or Detective Ken Hiller at 248-887-5863.