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Media Release

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Re: Arrest Made in Domino's Pizza Robbery

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There were a total of 11 robberies at fast food restaurants throughout the Tampa Bay area. Eight had the same Modus Operandi (MO). The suspect(s) threw a brick through the glass door of the business at closing time and robbed the employees at gun point. Investigators believed the same suspects were involved.

Investigating agencies included the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Tampa Police Department, the Largo Police Department, and the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

A suspect was developed when a ski mask was found at a robbery scene in Hillsborough County. DNA evidence was collected from the mask and processed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Evidence collected from the mask led investigators to Demetrius Bowers. Detectives also developed a link to the Domino's Pizza robbery in Spring Hill during their investigation.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agent Walter Lanier requested that these cases be pursued federally, due to multiple jurisdictions being involved. The request was granted and Agent Lanier worked with investigators from all jurisdictions to cover every lead. Bowers' cell phone was linked to several robbery locations, and a federal warrant was issued for his arrest.

On 11-20-12, Demetrius Bowers was arrested at his girlfriend's house in Sulfer Springs, a community in Tampa.