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“Quick Change” Scam Occurs at Local Wal-Mart

(Paulding County, GA) Detectives with the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying three subjects who are involved in a “Quick Change” money scam at a local Wal-Mart. A “Quick Change” money scam occurs when someone purchases one inexpensive item and while the cashier has the register open they ask the cashier to make change for a larger bill. With a series of quick hand movements, and confusing dialogue between the suspect and the cashier, the suspect ends up confusing the cashier into giving them money. Most of the time, the cashier doesn’t even know they have been taken advantage of until they count their register at the end of their shift. The individuals involved are professionals and have obtained a significant amount of money through this “Quick Change” scam.

There have been two different incidents at the Wal-Mart on Marietta Highway (3615 Marietta Highway Dallas, GA 30157) involving the same three black male subjects. In the incidents that took place at the Wal-Mart, one black male performed the “Quick Change” scam, while the other two black males served as lookouts. The two lookouts came up behind the suspect who was performing the “Quick Change” with a large bulky item which blocked anyone from seeing the scam occur. One incident took place on 09/26/13 and the other took place on 11/18/13.

Attached are several surveillance photographs of the suspects entering the Wal-Mart. If you recognize these individuals, or you have any information on these type of scams please call the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division at (770) 443-3015. Sheriff Gary Gulledge noted, “We want to warn all retailers of these types of scams, especially with the holiday shopping season drawing near”. He further explained, “Please tell clerks, cashiers, customer service
representatives, or anyone who handles money to make sure they do not handle more than one transaction at a time, this will keep these types of scams from occurring”.

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