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Public Credited with Helping Identify Suspect Who Stole Cancer Donation Jars

Information on Suspect's Whereabouts Could Put Crime Stoppers Money in Your Pocket

Franklin, TN – With help from the public, Franklin Police have identified Barry Oden, also known as Mac Hardin, as the suspect caught on tape stealing cancer victim donation jars from two local gas stations.

On the evening of March 10, Oden entered two different Mapco gas stations in Franklin, one on Franklin Road and one on Liberty Pike. While inside, Oden stole donation jars intended to help a local Mapco employee battling cancer. Immediately following television news broadcasts of the unidentified suspect, tips began to pour in identifying Barry McDonald Oden as the suspect.

Franklin's Interim Police Chief David Rahinsky said, *"The fact that tips came in so quickly on this is reassuring to us, as a Police Department, that residents share our disdain for crime and criminals. Partnerships with the community and the media are powerful, and leave very few places for criminals to hide."*

Oden, who has been arrested for a similar incident in the past, is currently wanted for two counts of theft; his whereabouts, however, is unknown. If you have information on Oden's whereabouts, a call to Crime Stoppers could put money in *your* pocket, (615) 794-4000.

WANTED



Barry McDonald Oden
Date of Birth: 03/09/1977
Black Male | 6'0" | 250 Pounds

To [send an anonymous tip](#) to Franklin Police, text the keyword 615FPD, along with your message to 847411 (Tip411), or call Franklin Police at (615) 794-2513

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