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MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: UPDATE - Gas Station Armed Robbery in Pickering, Images Attached

Investigators now have images of the suspect involved in the armed robbery from mid-January in Pickering and are appealing for assistance to identify this male.

Images are attached or can be viewed at www.drps.ca under Media Releases.

Anyone with new information about this ongoing investigation is asked to contact Det. Rob Antaya of the Major Crime Robbery Unit at 1-888-1520 ext. 5355. Anonymous tips can be made to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or on the website at *www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca* and tipsters are eligible for a cash reward of up to $2,000.

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ORIGINAL MEDIA RELEASE ISSUED JANUARY 12, 2012
Gas Station Armed Robbery in Pickering, Police Seek Suspect

Following an armed robbery at a gas station last night in Pickering, police are seeking the identity of a lone male suspect.

On Wednesday January 11, 2012 at approximately 9:20 p.m. West Division officers responded to a robbery incident involving a lone male suspect, armed with a conducted energy weapon (CEW) device at the Olco Gas Bar on Kingston Road in Pickering. The male employee was approached by the male suspect who asked for a cigarette but was declined by the employee. Immediately afterwards, the suspect pointed a CEW (taser) at the employee, turned it on and demanded money. The victim was not physically injured during the incident. The suspect fled on foot towards Fairport Road.

Responding officers including a K-9 Unit arrived to scene and searched the vicinity with negative results. The investigation in ongoing and police are seeking the identity of the suspect.

The suspect is described as: **male, black, approximately 6' 1", short black hair and dark clothing.**

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