



# Drug Thefts and Robberies

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# Main Points:

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- } Safety!!
- } Be a good witness
- } Be alert and aware of your surroundings





# Main Priority is **SAFETY!!**

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- } Employee safety
- } Customer
- } Officer





# Employee Safety

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- } Be aware of your surroundings
- } If you see something out of place report it
- } If a robbery occurs be passive and comply with demands





# Customer Safety

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} Help Keep customers calm





# Officer Safety

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- } Forward all possible details when making 911 calls
- } Be very detailed
- } Help keep customers calm





# Be a Good Witness

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- } Stay calm and make mental notes of suspect description
- } Race
- } Hair Color
- } Height
- } Weight
- } Age
- } Clothing (Head to Toe)





# Be Alert and Aware of Your Surroundings

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- } Pay attention to people in your work area
- } Watch for people "casing" your store
- } Note and report suspicious activity
- } Be aware of obvious disguises





# Preparation and Prevention

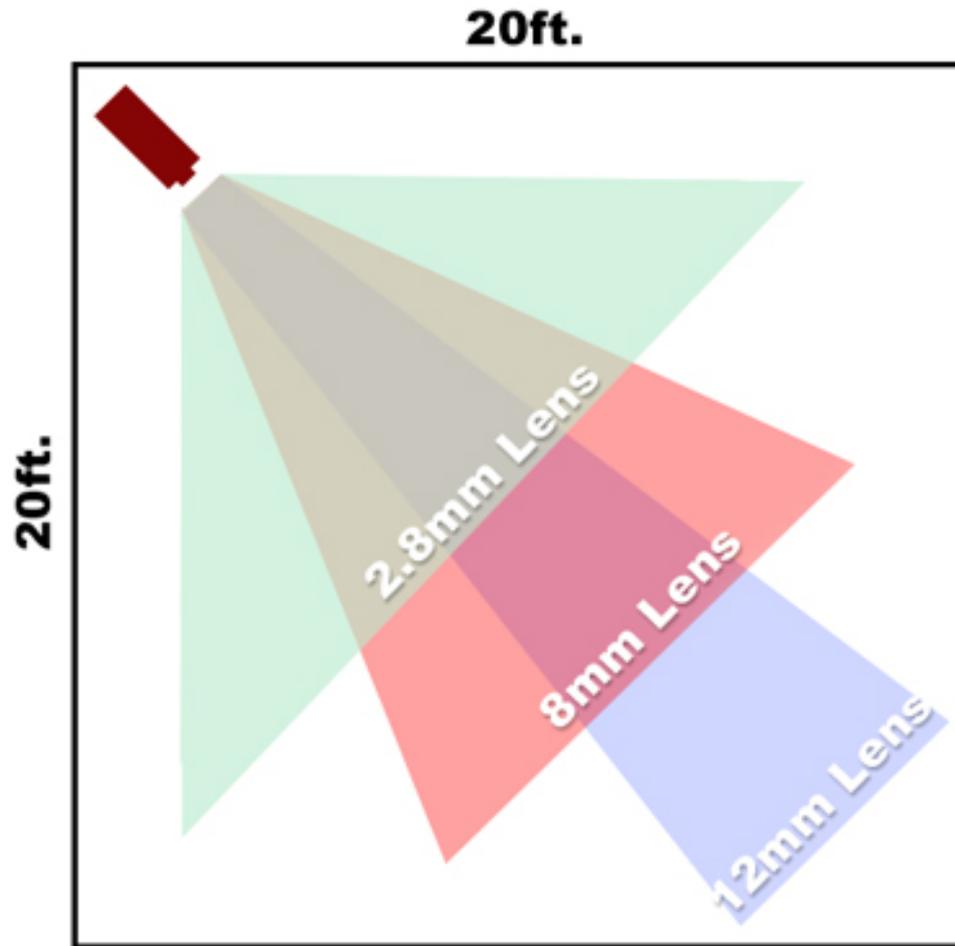
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- } Keep counter surfaces clean and free of clutter
- } Don't try to cover too much with a camera
- } Check camera views often for issues
- } Have a plan to down load video for law enforcement





# Approximate Viewing Angles



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# Cluttered Counter





# What do After a Robbery

- } Insure customer and employee safety
- } Call 911 and activate alarm as soon as possible
- } Lock doors
- } Check for escape vehicles note description and direction of travel
- } Keep witnesses on scene and don't let them "compare stories"
- } Preserve and protect physical evidence





# Case Overview:

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- } Good Family Pharmacy Robbery
- } February 18, 2015
- } Pinch, WV
- } 10:30 AM





# What Occurred?

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- } Male entered the store with his face covered
- } Produced a semi-auto pistol and announced a robbery
- } Ordered the staff to go to the rear of the store
- } Pharmacist draws his weapon
- } Pharmacist shoots robber three times





# Video





# Shot Placement

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- } Shot one entered victims upper chest striking his left lung
- } Shot two hit the robbers gun at the end of the barrel knocking it out of battery
- } Shot three entered the robbers right side and exited his left side (kidney, liver, bowel)





# The Robber

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- } 25 year old white male
- } History of prescription drug abuse
- } 1 prior drug arrest 1 ½ years prior
- } Normal middle class family
- } Hid (present) drug use from family
- } Gun purchased by robber legally 79 days prior





# The Robber

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- } Suspected in other Armed Robberies
- } Toxicology revealed:
  - } Morphine (Heroin)
  - } Codeine
  - } Hydrocodone





# Suspect Gun





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# Suspect Truck





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# Take Aways

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- } Was the shooting justified?
- } What could have happened if the pharmacist hesitated?
- } What could have happened if the pharmacist was not proficient with his weapon?
- } When the threat stopped the pharmacist stopped shooting and rendered aide.





# Thoughts

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- } Are you ready if a robbery occurs?
- } How are you going to react?
- } Good Witness or Stand your ground?
- } Which are you prepared to do?
- } Which are you trained to do?





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} Thank you!

