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La Porte Investigators Capture Convenience Store Robbery Suspects



Sterling Joseph Clay



Freddie Pina

During the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 28, 2020, La Porte Police responded to a reported Aggravated Robbery at the Shell Service Station located at 111 North 10th Street. Upon receiving the case, the La Porte Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division immediately began investigating. Detectives collected video footage of the incident and released images of the suspects on the Department's Facebook page, seeking assistance from the public.

With the community's help, multiple tips were received and Sterling Joseph Clay of La Porte was identified. Further investigation uncovered Freddie Pina, also of La Porte, as his accomplice. LPPD detectives quickly located and interviewed both suspects, who ultimately admitted their roles in the crime and have now been charged with Aggravated Robbery through the Harris County District Attorney's Office. LPPD would like to thank all those who offered assistance in this case and assure our community. We are committed to our mission in working with residents to prevent crime and maintain the special quality of life within our city.