

## Boone Rite Aid Robbed; Suspect Sought

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Boone Police are seeking a suspect in the armed robbery of the Rite Aid Drug Store. The young white male entered the Rite Aid Pharmacy at Shops of Shadowline in Boone around 2 this afternoon, passing a note at the pharmacy apparently demanding drugs and saying that he had a gun in his pocket. Boone Police were notified while the suspect was still in the drug store, and the call went out, answered by an SBI agent who had just pulled into the parking lot, and just as he approached a man was hurrying from the store and was immediately apprehended—but he turned out to be a father hurrying back to his children in his car. Boone Police say the suspect is a white male, 6+ feet tall, medium/large build, fair complexion with bushy, dark eyebrows. He was wearing a gray hoodie, black bandana, black jacket and a black toboggan. The suspect entered the store, presented a note that demanded prescription drugs. The suspect left the store traveling towards Harris Teeter on foot, but a perimeter set up in the area and searches of a number of areas and similarly dressed men turned up no suspects at this point. No vehicle description was derived in the early part of the investigation, which is still underway by Boone Police detectives. Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call Crimestoppers at 828-268-6959 or the Boone Police Department at 828-268-6900. You may remain anonymous. Crimestoppers pays rewards for information, which leads to arrests; recovery of stolen property; seizure of drugs and the location of wanted persons.