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DATE: 09/19/2012

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Man Arrested for 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery

CASE NO.: 12182836

INCIDENT DATE :09/18/2012

INCIDENT TIME: 11:15 PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Little Angie's Cantina, #11 East Buchanan Street

SUBJECT: Duluth Man Arrested for 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

On Tuesday, September 18th, 2012 at 11:15 PM Duluth Police were called to Little Angie's Cantina #11 East Buchanan Street on the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred.

Initial investigation revealed the suspect entered an office and threatened a female employee with a knife and started grabbing money from a cash drawer. While the suspect was grabbing money, the employee was able to grab the knife out of the suspect's pocket and yelled at him to leave as she ran out of the office. The suspect left in an unknown direction with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Squads set up a perimeter and a responding Duluth Police Lieutenant noticed a male matching the suspect's description look out the rear door of Grizzly's restaurant at 310 South Lake Avenue and then go back inside as he noticed squads in the area. Officers located the suspect inside the Grizzly's restaurant and identified him as Rico Burness-El, a 52 year old male, resident of Duluth. A witness positively identified Burness-El as the person responsible for the armed robbery and he was taken into custody. A K-9 track led from Little Angie's restaurant to Grizzly's restaurant and a jacket matching suspects was located outside.

Burness-El was transported to the Saint Louis County Jail and lodged pending formal charges for 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery.

