

Thief attacks, robs pizza delivery man

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- Daily Leader staff report A local pizza delivery man was attacked and robbed late Saturday night in Liberal, and police are looking to the public for help in finding and arresting the thief.

On April 3, at about 11:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to the report of a robbery at the Pizza Hut delivery, 117 West First. Responding officers summoned Seward County EMS to treat a male with a head injury, according to a statement released Monday by Liberal Police Capt. Pat McClurg.

“Investigating officers learned that a 39-year-old male had just delivered a pizza to a resident in the 700 block of North Pershing,” McClurg noted. “A witness described that a male ran up behind the delivery man as he was returning to his car. The male struck the delivery man in the head with an object and stole his wallet. The assailant escaped on foot. The delivery man was able to drive himself back to Pizza Hut delivery.

“The suspect was described as about 5-feet, 7-inches tall and weighing about 140 pounds. The suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black or blue pants. The suspect ran to the north and east from the scene,” McClurg added.

The Liberal Police Department is requesting the public’s assistance to solve this crime. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Liberal Police Department at 626-0150 or the Crime Hotline at 624-4000. Persons providing information that leads to an arrest are eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.