Convenience Store Employee Assaulted During Robbery

Shortly after 3:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16, Tigard Police were called to the Plaid Pantry convenience store located at 15995 SW Hall Blvd in Tigard. An injured employee called and reported he was allegedly beaten with a gun during a robbery attempt. The victim further added after unsuccessfully obtaining any money or otherwise, the suspect fled on foot into the neighborhood.

Tigard officers arrived within minutes and rendered aid to the victim while other officers searched the area. A Tigard Police K-9 unit began tracking and ultimately led police approximately a quarter-mile to the suspect, who attempted to conceal himself inside a vehicle. The suspect, 45 year-old Arnold Luis Barriga, was taken into custody and lodged at the Washington County Jail. Barriga is charged with Robbery II, Assault IV and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

The 24 year-old victim was treated at the scene for injuries sustained during the robbery. The suspect reportedly used a pellet gun to assault the victim repeatedly.