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Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis Release Identity of Murdered Store Clerk in Belleville

The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis continues to investigate the Saturday night murder of a 51 year old male in Belleville. The victim, identified as Douglas W. Cimperman, of Belleville, was employed by ZX at the store located at 420 Carlyle Avenue. Cimperman was working at the store at the time of his death.

Information developed by the Major Case Squad leads investigators to believe the suspect was attempting to commit an Armed Robbery at the time of Cimperman's death. The suspect, described as a black male wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt and black pants, fled the store on foot after shooting Cimperman. The suspect is still at large. The investigation suggests this was a random attack on Cimperman, who was simply doing his job at the ZX when he was murdered.

The Major Case Squad currently has 18 investigators assigned to this case. Detectives encourage residents in the area to check home surveillance cameras for any suspicious activity on January 16 between 8:00 p.m. and Midnight. The time of the offense was approximately 10:39 p.m. Also, any eyewitnesses that have information should contact the Major Case Squad at 618-355-9793.

Investigators firmly believe someone knows who perpetrated this senseless act of violence. Anyone who has information in relation to the suspect in this case is asked to contact the Major Case Squad.

Captain Mark W. Heffernan
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