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## **Grinch Steals Christmas Statue from Morristown Green, Mayor and Police Ask for Residents' Help**

*Morristown Police Department seeks community's help in identifying suspect and recovering stolen property.*

MORRISTOWN, N.J. - The Morristown Police Department is currently investigating the theft of a six-foot tall toy soldier statue that was being used as decoration for the Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green. The incident occurred at 1am on December 9th and was reported by the Morristown Partnership later that morning.

The incident was captured on video. Footage shows a Caucasian male remove the statue from its mount after discarding a cigarette. The suspect appears to be in his late-20s or early-30s. In the video, he is wearing a dark flannel shirt, blue jeans, and a black Pittsburgh Pirates baseball cap.

"The Grinch is certainly stealing the holiday spirit this year," said Mayor Timothy Dougherty. "And he's dressed in a flannel shirt instead of a Santa costume. We hope that the community will come together to help the Police Department identify the suspect and return the statue to its rightful place on the Green."

Those who witnessed or possess knowledge of the incident should direct all information to the Morristown Police Department. Call the non-emergency telephone line at (973) 538-2200 or call or email Captain Michael Buckley directly at (973) 292-6631 and [m-buckley@morristownpolice.org](mailto:m-buckley@morristownpolice.org). Any and all information is appreciated and can help in quickly resolving this case.

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