

ROBBERY

News bulletin: A convenience store on 40th and center was robbed at 10:00pm last night. The suspect is a male in his 30's, wearing a dark hoodie and sunglasses.

What is the race/ethnicity of the suspect?

The race/ethnicity is not given. This leads the reader to guess why it is not there. The reader could make a probability assumption based on the majority of the population of that area. The omission creates additional questions from the reader. Do the authorities know the race/ethnicity? Have they purposely omitted it? Did they omit it because it wasn't a differentiating characteristic useful for identification because that characteristic matches the majority for the area? Did they omit it because they did not want to offend the race/ethnic background community? Why?? (Open to assumption and biased interpretation)