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Unidentified Suspect Wanted for Grand Theft

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Western Division are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate an unidentified suspect wanted for grand theft.

On September 23, 2020, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a 73-year-old female victim was shopping inside the Ralph's grocery store located at 3345 Sports Arena Boulevard, in San Diego. While the victim was in the freezer section, an unidentified adult male suspect waited for the victim to open a freezer door and then he approached her shopping cart. The suspect quickly removed the victim's wallet from her purse, which was placed in the top of the shopping cart. The victim was right next to the cart, but was looking inside the freezer section when the theft occurred. The suspect walked away without the victim realizing what had happened. The total loss of the wallet and cash inside it is over \$2,500.

Investigators reviewed store surveillance footage which showed the suspect following the victim throughout the store and appeared to be targeting her.

Suspect's Description:

The suspect is described as a White male, approximately 5'10" tall, 175 lbs., with medium tanned skin. The suspect was wearing a light colored baseball cap with black sunglasses on the front of the cap, a light green short sleeve button-up shirt, grey shorts, and black sandals.

Photos of the suspect can be found on page 2 of this release. A link to view a video of the suspect can be found below.

https://youtu.be/ZwO8suXI4fg

Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of the suspect should call the SDPD's Western Division at (619) 692-4800 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about the case can be directed to Sergeant Monica Robinson at (619) 692-4847 or email at mrobinson@pd.sandiego.gov.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at marcial.lopez@sdsheriff.org.

Photos of Unidentified Suspect



