



News Release

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WHAT: Burglary and Fraud Investigation

WHERE: San Luis Obispo Costco, Target and the Apple Store

WHEN: January 7, 2012 at 12 Noon

At about noon two suspects entered the Costco store and stole a wallet out of a customer's purse. The customer's purse was in the top part of a shopping cart. The purse contained the victim's credit and debit cards. The victim realized the theft when she went to check out. At about the same time the victim's credit card company called her and told her that one of her cards was just used at the Target Store in San Luis Obispo. The charge at Target was for \$2800.

Target's security cameras videotaped the two suspects while they were in the store. The videotape also shows the suspects exiting the store right after making the fraudulent purchase. The following descriptions were obtained from the surveillance photos. The photos are attached to this press release. After the suspects left the Target store they went downtown and used the victim's debit card at the Apple Store. The loss there was \$1800.

Suspect #1: White female or light-skinned Hispanic female, approximately 30-35 years old, 5'6" tall and weighs about 160 pounds.

Suspect #2: White male or light-skinned Hispanic male, approximately 30-35 years old, 5'10" tall, and weighs about 200 pounds

The police department is asking for help in identifying these suspects. Over the last two years there have been several similar cases where purses or wallets have been stolen out of shopping carts at Costco and other stores. In these cases the victim's credit cards were fraudulently used before the victim had knowledge of the theft or before the cards were canceled. The police department is reminding citizens to not

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leave personal items unattended in shopping carts while shopping. If anyone recognizes these suspects please contact the police department at 805-781-7317.



Suspect is on the left in olive colored shirt



Suspect is in front with blue shirt

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