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Incident: Theft Suspects Identification Request

Abbotsford - October 31, 2009.

Abbotsford Police are requesting the public's help to identify the individuals responsible for a theft that occurred at the Sikh Temple located at 30640 Blueridge Drive, on October 31st at 12:00 pm.

A Honda CR-V parked in the lot at the Temple was broken into and a purse was stolen. Shortly after, a credit card from the purse was used at an Abbotsford electronics store to purchase a \$3000.00 television.

Police suspect the two males captured by video surveillance just outside the store seconds after the purchase may have committed the thefts and would like to identify and interview them.

One of the males is described as South Asian, 30 years old, medium build with black hair. The second is also believed to be South Asian, 50 years old, heavy set with black hair. He appears to be wearing glasses.

Police believe the suspects in this case could be responsible for other thefts of credit cards from vehicles throughout the Lower Mainland (Delta, Richmond, Surrey, Langley and Vancouver). The suspects in these cases appear to specifically target the South Asian community by breaking into vehicles parked at Sikh Temples or South Asian markets.

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The Abbotsford Police is reminding the public to remain vigilant by not leaving valuables visible inside their vehicles and they should ensure they leave their vehicles locked. Suspicious persons and activities should always be reported to police.

Anyone with information concerning these suspects is asked to call Cst. Maniwa at 604-859-5225 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS