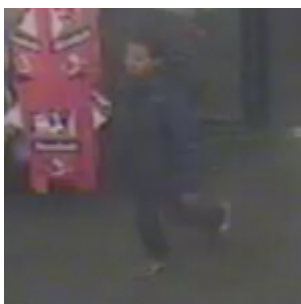


Troopers Seek Assistance Identifying Juvenile Robbery Suspects





Wilmington (19802) – Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery involving four juvenile suspects, in which a knife was displayed.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:33 p.m., Sunday, December 3, 2017, in the parking lot of the Dollar Tree, located at 3602 Miller Road, Wilmington. A 56, year old Wilmington woman, who had just exited the Dollar Tree, was approached by four juveniles in front of the store, at which time one of the suspects approached her, displayed a knife, and attempted to engage in a conversation with her. The victim immediately proceeded to her vehicle, which was parked in the lot, but was followed by all the suspects. When she entered her vehicle, all four suspects also entered, with three occupying the back seat, and the suspect who had originally displayed the knife, in the front passenger seat. The victim immediately exited the vehicle, leaving her purse behind. All four suspects then also exited, with the front seat occupant taking the victims purse on the way.

The victim proceeded back towards the Dollar Tree as the suspects fled on foot, southbound through the parking lot. As she was walking away the victim yelled that she was going to call the police, at which time the suspect dropped the purse and continued walking.

The purse was recovered with all property intact, and the victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspects were described as follows:

Suspect 1 – Black male, 12-16 years of age, 5'3"-5'7", 90-110

lbs., wearing a red shirt, red pants, red hat, red shoes, and a black leather jacket. Displayed a knife.

Suspect 2 – Black male, 12-16 years of age, black jacket, gray pants, wearing a back-pack.

Suspect 3 – Black male, black jacket, and black pants.

Suspect 4 – Black male, 8-11 years of age, dark jacket, black pants.

The above images were captured by the Dollar Tree surveillance cameras, while the suspects were in the store just prior to the incident.

If anyone can identify the above pictured suspects or has further information regarding this incident they are asked to contact Detective J. Lloyd of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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