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Stolen Purse Leads To Shopping Spree by Thieves



Sheriff's detectives are looking for two people who've bought thousands of dollars worth of merchandise at mid-south stores using a stolen checkbook and debit card.

Deputies have released a picture of the suspects taken during one of their spending sprees. The photo shows the couple, both possibly in their forties, as they left a Sears store in Jackson, Tennessee on September 5th after using a stolen check to buy a flat-screen television.

The man wore a black shirt with a "ROCAWEAR" logo in white letters. He also wore black shorts that went below his knees along with a white hat and white tennis shoes. The woman wore a blouse with pink and white checks and black pants. She also carried a large black purse.

Deputies traced the television purchase to the theft of a purse on September 1st. A woman reported someone broke into her car on Appling Care Lane and stole her purse hidden under a jacket.

Within a couple of days, the suspects had used her debit card and checks at several stores including the Old Navy and Flash Market stores in Horn Lake, Mississippi, the Wal-Mart in Bartlett, and three stores in Jackson, Tennessee including Sears, Wal-Mart and Best Buy.

Sheriff's detectives say besides a flat-screen television, the couple bought laptop computers and other items.

Anyone with information about the couple should call Sheriff's detectives at **(901) 545-5600** or Crime Stoppers at **(901) 528-CASH (2274)**.

Additionally, a surveillance video segment is also available at the Public Affairs Office, 9th floor, 201 Poplar Avenue.

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