



## UNSOLVED CRIME

Monday, May 19, 2015

## DISTRACTION THEFTS THROUGHOUT ONTARIO (15-119803/ 14-337082/ 14-217849)

Crime Stoppers needs your help in identifying and apprehending suspects.

**SUBMIT A TIP**

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Investigators with the York Regional Police 1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking public assistance in identifying a group of suspects following a series of distraction thefts in York, Halton, Barrie, Waterloo and Kingston.





On Saturday, May 2, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., the female victim was shopping at a plaza located at Mulock Drive and College Manor Drive in Newmarket. She placed her groceries and her purse on the rear passenger side floor of her car. As she was reversing out of the parking spot the male suspect knocked on her window to advise her that she had low air on her rear driver side tire. While they were looking at the wheel a second suspect removed her wallet from her purse on the other side of the vehicle. The suspect advised the victim to be careful driving home and then left. Once the victim arrived home she realized that her wallet had been stolen. Just a short time later the suspects used her credit and ATM cards at several locations in the Town of Newmarket.





The same suspects are responsible for numerous other incidents within York Region and throughout Ontario. Crime Stoppers is reminding residents to be cautious and protect themselves by following these safety tips:

- Be cautious engaging in conversation with strangers that approach you in public

- Conceal your valuable jewelry if it must be worn while out in public
- Consider hiding your jewelry while walking in public then putting it on once you have reached your destination
- If you witness any suspicious people or activity, contact police immediately. We will respond to these calls
- Criminals are opportunists. Don't give them the opportunity to make you a victim of crime

If you know the suspects responsible for this crime or have any knowledge of this or any other crime but wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS**, leave an anonymous tip on-line at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com) or text message your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK. If the information you provide helps solve the case you may be eligible for cash reward of up to \$2000.00. You never have to identify yourself or testify in court. Help **BREAK THE SILENCE** and speak up for a safer community.

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