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## **Weekend Robbery Reported At Tigard Shopping Mall**

On December 20, 2014 at approximately 3:40 pm, a woman reported being robbed while walking through the parking lot at Washington Square Mall in Tigard. A passerby noticed the victim in distress and called police. Tigard Police and mall security was on scene within minutes and quickly began searching for the suspect who fled from the area immediately after the incident.

According to reports, the victim reported leaving the mall and walking to her vehicle which was parked on the north side of the shopping center. As the victim was walking she noticed two black men following her. At some point, the men split up. One suspect continued and approached the victim asking if she was interested in selling him the shoes she was carrying in a bag. After the victim responded no, the suspect continued to engage in conversation further by asking for directions. The victim complied and began using her smartphone to obtain the information. The victim then turned and began walking away when the suspect placed his arms around her neck and began to threaten her while attempting to take the bag containing the shoes. At some point both the victim and suspect had gone to the ground during a brief struggle. The suspect was ultimately able to take control of the bag containing the shoes and then ran off. The victim was regaining composure when a passerby rendered assistance. Police combed the area however they were unable to locate the suspects.

The suspect who was seen earlier and split-off from the pair is described as tall, possible 6'4". The victim's attacker was shorter, possibly about 6' and wore a camo-green puffy vest and a black beanie. Both men are in their late teens to early 20's.

The victim had previously been in an athletic shoe store inside the mall and purchased a highly sought-after pair of shoes. The shoes had never been taken out of the bag or shown to anyone. Tigard Police is investigating the incident. If anyone has information regarding the incident, they are urged to contact Tigard Police at 503-639-6168 or via email at: [tips@tigard-or.gov](mailto:tips@tigard-or.gov) You can find information regarding holiday safety tips at [http://www.tigard-or.gov/community/cityscape/docs/2014-12\\_Cityscape.pdf](http://www.tigard-or.gov/community/cityscape/docs/2014-12_Cityscape.pdf)