

Theft from At Risk Adults Investigative Synopsis

On May 5, 2010, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Golden, Colorado, received a theft report from an elderly female. The victim, who is 77 years old reported that a Hispanic male and female approximately 25-35 years old had knocked on her door and claimed to live in the neighborhood. The female asked male, who "acted" like he was developmentally disabled, if he needed to use the restroom and the elderly victim allowed them into the house.

While inside of the residence the female suspect initiated a conversation with the victim to keep her distracted, while the male stole jewelry and cash from the bedrooms.

During the investigation it was discovered that similar cases had been reported throughout the Denver Metro area as well as jurisdictions along the eastern I-70 corridor.

In each case the victims gave the following descriptions of the suspects:

FEMALE SUSPECT: Hispanic female between 25-35 YOA, 5'02" – 5'05", with a medium to "chunky" build.

MALE SUSPECT: Hispanic male between 25-35 YOA, 5'08 – 5'10", thin build, with short brown hair and wearing a baseball hat.

* When describing the female victims gave differing descriptions of the females hair style and color, as well as the type of clothing the suspects wore. Some of the victims described the suspects as being well dressed and others stating the suspects appeared messy.

It appears that the suspects are targeting unsuspecting victims as they leave a shopping center and either contacting the victim in the parking lot or following the victims to their residence and coming back later in the day.

Once they contact the victim, the suspects either claim to live in the neighborhood or pretend to know the victim. The female initiates a conversation with the victim while the male takes jewelry and clothing from the home. In the cases where the suspects claim to live in the neighborhood, the female claims that their grandfather suffers from Alzheimer's and has locked them out of the house.

Adams County Sheriff's Investigators obtained surveillance video from a convenient store of a male and female, matching the description of the suspects, in blue Chevy crew-cab pick-up truck. The male paid for gas and merchandise using silver and half dollars stolen from earlier in the day.

** Victims and witnesses also reported seeing the suspects driving a white 90's 4 door sedan.