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Press Release

Westport Police Investigating Theft of Fur Coats

(Westport, CT) On Friday November 22, 2019 at approximately 11:27am, officers responded to Albe Furs located at 286 Post Road East on a report of a theft in progress. It was reported that on this date and time, three male suspects had entered the business and grabbed several fur coats from displays. These suspects then quickly exited the store and fled toward a waiting vehicle in a nearby parking lot. Multiple witnesses provided officers with a description of the suspects as well as of their vehicle; including a registration marker plate number. This description and vehicle information was broadcast to all patrols who began systematically searching the area for the vehicle; however, there was no immediate contact.

Preliminary information on the loss suffered due to theft is in excess of \$11,000.00, which includes at least two, if not additional, fur coats. The victim is currently in the process of conducting an inventory of merchandise and believes that these totals may ultimately be significantly higher.

After learning of today's incident, another local business contacted police to report that what they believed to be the same suspects had been in their store on Thursday November 21, 2019 inquiring about fur coats; however, nothing was taken at that time.

This case is being actively investigated at the time of this writing. Any business, which believes it, may have been recently visited by these suspects or anyone with additional information on today's incident is asked to contact the Westport Police Department's Detective Bureau at (203) 341-6080.

UPDATE AS OF 11/25/2019: The suspects' vehicle was bearing a New York registration plate at the time of the incident; the number of which was provided to officers by an eyewitness. Further investigation into that registration plate number ultimately revealed that it had been stolen from its rightful owner and was being improperly used on the suspects' vehicle. An eyewitness provided a

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photograph of the suspect vehicle leaving the scene of the theft on the date of the incident, apparently a black Jeep, which has some noteworthy damage on its driver's side rear. This photograph has been included with this release. This case remains under active investigation as we continue to work to identify these suspects. Once again, anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Westport Police Department's Detective Bureau at (203) 341-6080.



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