



Milpitas Police Department

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Police Follow-up, Good Parenting Returns Tourist's Purse

Case Number: 12-157-164
Date/Time: June 5, 2012
Location: Forever 21, Great Mall, Milpitas

On June 5, 2012 an English tourist left her purse unattended inside the Forever 21 store at the Great Mall. The purse, containing the victim's wallet, ID, and iPhone, was stolen. She was scheduled to return to England on a flight the next day. The victim contacted MPD to report the theft. On duty MPD officers followed up on tips and contacted residents on the 400 block of Elm Ave. The homeowner's daughter told police she had found the victim's phone at the mall and returned it to the officers. She initially denied any knowledge of a lost or stolen purse or wallet. After police officers departed, the conscientious parents took the initiative to again question their daughter and search the house. The father located the victim's purse and wallet. The father also determined the sum of the victim's cash that his daughter had spent. The father withdrew money from his bank's ATM and immediately brought all the recovered items to the police department. All of the victim's property was returned to her in order for her to return home on schedule.

Citizens are encouraged to report all crimes and suspicious activity Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500, or via the Milpitas Police Department website at: <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/citydept/police>

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