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MTA Police Seek Public's Help Solving Grand Central Jewelry Theft Case

Duffel Bag Containing \$120,000 in Jewelry Switched with Decoy on June 24

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police are asking members of the public to come forward with any information regarding \$120,000 worth of jewelry that was stolen from two jewelry company employees in Grand Central Terminal a month ago.

MTA Police believe that on the lower level of the Terminal at about 6 p.m. on June 24, the jewelry company employees were transporting about 800 pieces of gold and diamond jewelry including rings, neck chains, bracelets, earrings and pendants, and about \$2,000 in cash, in a black duffel bag. The employee with possession of the bag set it down momentarily to discard some garbage.

At that moment, the employee's co-worker was approached by two men who created a diversion by dropping a \$10 bill on the ground and informing the co-worker that he had dropped it. As the co-worker was occupied, a third man took the duffel bag and replaced it with a nearly identical bag that was weighted down to appear have the same weight as the bag containing the jewelry. After the bags were switched, the three suspects left the area separately.

All three suspects were wearing light blue uniform-type shirts and dark colored work pants. The two suspects who created the diversion are described as being Asian or Hispanic men and in their mid to late twenties. The prime suspect, who is believed to have taken the bag, is described as a white or Hispanic male with dark crew-cut hair and a thin to medium build. Surveillance video images of the prime suspect taken shortly before the theft appear in the attached wanted poster, which also contains images of examples of some of the stolen property.

All of the stolen jewelry was manufactured by the same company and engraved with the letters "M O."

The MTA Police ask that anyone with information that may be pertinent to this case call the MTA Police Department at 212-878-1000.

For more information please click [here](#).