

CRIME ALERT!

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Jewelry Crimes in and around New York City in recent weeks

There have been many reports of jewelry crimes in the New York City area in recent days. Some of the incidents seem to be part of a pattern committed by the same group. While others have not yet been identified as a pattern. Pattern or not, the message is clear. Jewelry crime is an ongoing threat to the industry and the individuals who make their living in the jewelry industry.

We offer these summaries below so all can learn from them and take prevention measures that will hopefully save lives and property.

Home Invasion – Lyndhurst, NJ

At approximately 9PM last night, on November 13th, a jewelry store owner was abducted from his home in Lyndhurst, NJ, and forced into his own car. His wife was tied up in their home. She was able to free herself and call 911. The husband was released on the side of a road about 15 minutes from his home. The suspects fled. It is not known at this time if the robbers obtained any jewelry from the store.

Armed Trio Targeting NYC Chinatowns

A group of men is believed responsible for a series of robberies of jewelry stores in some of the mostly Asian neighborhoods in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens. One group targeted a store in Manhattan's Chinatown on October 17, unsuccessfully, only to return again to the same store on October 18. According to the police, these are the incidents in this pattern:

Canal Street, Manhattan	Sep. 10
Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn	Oct. 15
East Broadway, Manhattan	Oct. 17 and 18
103 rd Street, Queens	Oct. 28
37 th Avenue, Queens	Oct. 31
Main St., Queens	Nov. 9

Minor injuries occurred to the female clerk in the East Broadway store. No other injuries were reported. However, the suspects are armed and considered very dangerous by the police. See attached picture released by the police of one suspect.

Thefts on Madison Avenue

October 6	Theft of a leather and gold plated bracelet
October 10	Attempted smash of showcases by 3 black males. No merchandise taken.
November 10	Thieves with hammers took approx. \$1500 in merchandise before an employee chased them out with a chair.

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to call either:

NYPD Manhattan South Detectives 212-477-7447
Crime Stoppers 800-577-TIPS (8477)



Crime Prevention

- **It is extremely important to train all staff working in your jewelry business not to resist or chase an armed robber. Resisting will dramatically increase the likelihood of injury or death to the store owner, employees and customers.**
- **Properly functioning CCTV can be extremely helpful in identifying the suspects and in documenting the incident for insurance purposes.**
- **Have at least two persons on the showroom floor at all times. Incidents are more likely to occur when the store appears to be understaffed.**
- **Whenever leaving your jewelry premises it is important to implement practices to detect if you are being followed. Develop a routine in which you drive in circles around the block or other pattern to determine if someone is following you. If you feel you are being followed call 911 immediately.**

To Report an incident for distribution to the network members, contact CrimeAlert@nyjcan.com or visit the website at www.nyjcan.com to complete an Incident Report.

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