

CRIME ALERT!

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Robber Dressed as Construction Worker
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A man dressed as a construction worker wearing an orange safety vest and a hard hat entered a retail jewelry store on Amsterdam Avenue in the Upper West Side of Manhattan and pointed a gun at the female salesperson. He demanded she fill a bag with assorted diamond jewelry. He then started grabbing jewelry himself and fled. An employee and another person chased the suspect but did not locate him. Witnesses believe he ran into a nearby subway station.

Police Contact:

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-244-TIPS.

Crime Prevention

- **It is extremely important to train all staff working in your jewelry business not to resist or chase an armed robber.**
- **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.**

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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If you have any questions about the information contained in this alert or about the New York Jewelers Crime Alert Network, please contact Paul Silverman at psilverman@mjmglobal.com, or at 201-720-7700.