

Ref no: BME/16/2010

391 New Bridge Road
Police Cantonment Complex Blk A
Singapore 088762
Tel: 1800-236 9999
Fax: 65575372

14 May 2010

Dear Community Partners,

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY – SNATCH THEFT

Two cases of snatch theft cases targeting female victims were reported at Kim Tian Road and Outram Road recently. In both cases, the culprits had taken away the victims' gold chains.

Modus Operandi

2 In both cases, the victims were walking home from the MRT when the incident took place. The culprits had targeted victims who wore gold chains or expensive jewellery. One of the suspects would be seen talking on his handphone. After the victim walked past them, one of the suspects would approach her from the rear and snatch away her gold chain before fleeing.

Description of culprits

- 3 The description of the two culprits is as follows:
- Dark skinned Male subjects believed to be Indians
 - Both aged between 20s and 30s
 - Suspect (1) is slim-built while Suspect (2) is medium-built
 - Both are about 1.7m tall
 - Casually dressed in t-shirt/polo t-shirt/shirts and dark coloured pants

Crime Prevention Measures

- 4 You can avoid being the next victim by adopting the following measures:
- a. Avoid exposing cash, jewellery or valuables in public;
 - b. Avoid taking shortcuts through back lanes or dark and deserted areas;
 - c. Always be alert and attentive to your surroundings. If you notice that you are being followed, remain calm and proceed to the nearest business premises or crowded area; and
 - d. When returning home alone or late at night, arrange for someone to escort you home.

5 Should you be a victim of crime, remain calm and do not resist. Take note of the description of the culprit. This includes his appearance, clothing, height and other physical details. You should also note the direction taken by the culprit, his mode of

escape and the evidence he may have left behind. Dial '999' as soon as it is safe to do so.

6 Should you have any information relating to the cases or wish to report suspicious person(s) loitering around your neighbourhood, do not hesitate to contact **Bt Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre** at **1800-236 9999** or dial **'999'** if urgent Police assistance is required.

Yours faithfully,



**DSP STEVE LEONG
COMMANDING OFFICER
BUKIT MERAH EAST NPC
CENTRAL POLICE DIVISION
SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE**