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**Public Awareness for Jewelry Thief's Targeting Asian Victims**

**San Diego**—In the past several weeks, the San Diego Police Department has received multiple reports that elderly members of the Asian community are being targeted for theft related crimes. The suspects, possibly of Middle Eastern decent, target victims who are wearing high-end jewelry.

The suspects have the victims try on jewelry that appears to be high-end, but is actually costume jewelry. The suspects then remove the victim's high-end jewelry and leave the costume jewelry with the victims. They have used multiple rental vehicles to flee the scene. The suspects have recently been spotted casing Buddhist Temples in area of Mid-City Division.

SDPD Western Division detectives currently believe there are cases that have not been reported and urge victims to report the thefts to the police department non-emergency number, at 619-531-2000.

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