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MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE INVESTIGATES STRONG ARM ROBBERY

On August 17, 2017, at 8:34 AM, Mount Prospect Police Officers responded to the parking lot of Walmart, 930 Mount Prospect Plaza, for a report of a strong arm robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a 46 year old victim from Mount Prospect. The victim related she was loading groceries into the back of her vehicle with her purse sitting in the cart. An unknown male approached her cart while her back was turned and took her purse. The male offender then ran to the front passenger seat of a waiting vehicle parked across the aisle. The victim, realizing someone had just taken her purse, ran after the offender. The victim reached the open passenger door of the car, where she was able to grab onto her purse being held on to by the offender. The driver of the getaway vehicle started driving southbound through the parking lot, with the victim still holding onto her purse and the open door. The victim was then dragged through the parking lot until the offender in the passenger seat let go of the purse, causing the victim to be thrown to the ground. The offending vehicle fled the parking lot in an unknown direction. The victim was transported to a local hospital for injuries that were not believed to be life threatening.

The offender who took the purse is described as a white male in his early 20's, wearing a royal blue colored hooded sweatshirt. The second offender who was driving the getaway vehicle is described as a white male in his early 20's, wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt. The getaway vehicle is described as a lime green colored Ford Focus.

The Mount Prospect Police Department continues to investigate this strong arm robbery and asks anyone who has information regarding this crime to call the Mount Prospect Police Department's Investigations Section at 847-870-5654. Anonymous tips can be made to Crime Stoppers of Mount Prospect by calling 847-590-7867 or texting MPPD and your tip to 274637. Tips made through Crime Stoppers of Mount Prospect that lead to the arrest and prosecution of the offender(s) could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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