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Thieves' "Best Offer" Was A Pistol Whipping

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Three men in ski masks walked into the Best Offer store on Grand Avenue around 3:45 p.m. Monday, and got to work.

Here's what happened, according to police spokesman Officer Joe Avery:

Two of the men brandished handguns. The third "went behind the counter and took cash out of the register and the video surveillance tape out of the recorder." They also took "several articles of clothing." The intruders pistol-whipped a clerk; the clerk "sustained a minor injury to his face."

Some time around 11 p.m. Monday a 47-year-old man was shot in the leg at 320 Edgewood Ave. He told cops he was riding his bike when a man he didn't know approached him and "reached into his waistband." The rider hopped off the bike and fled. "While running he heard two to three shots." Shots hit him in the right thigh and left calf; he went to the Hospital of St. Raphael for treatment.

Around four hours earlier another man was treated at the same hospital and released. He told police that "five to six teenage" males assaulted him "without provocation" on Clover Street, swiping his wallet, cell phone, bookbag and eyeglasses.



JEFFREY KEREKES PHOTO

Jeffrey Kerekes sent in this photo from his Wooster Square neighborhood with this report: "Two cars near my house had flat tires this morning. A third did too but I think they have been having an issue. The photo attached has been hit more than once."

Comments

posted by: anon on November 23, 2010 3:59pm

If these brazen robberies continue, owners will invest in more security. This will raise prices, increase costs, etc.

In terms of shared social costs, stopping the robberies now would be much cheaper in the long term than letting them continue. Look at societies with higher violence and how much they spend each year on security systems, etc.

Each dollar spent on that is one less to spend on our children.

posted by: NH resident on November 23, 2010 4:57pm

I lived in Wooster square- According to one cop theres a "guy" who has issues and every so often stabs tires on his way home. One night he hit more than 15 cars- that was years ago. Seems he's still in the neighborhood. Still doesn't pay for new tires though does it.

posted by: East Rockette on November 23, 2010 5:30pm

Hey, Jeffrey - we've had repeated flat tires in the Sohu/Lower East Rock area too. Ours involved nails & screws. I thought it was just a weird coincidence, but looks like there may be a mad puncturer roving around out there?
