

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**



## WEST LOS ANGELES AREA LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PURSE THEFT

	DATE DOW TIME	LOCATION	PREMISES
1	07/29/15 (WED), 2100-2130	1000 Block of Glendon	RESTAURANT
2	07/29/15 (WED), 2130-0200	1000 Block of Glendon	RESTAURANT
3	08/03/15 (MON), 2220	17000 Block of PCH	RESTAURANT
4	08/18/15 (TUE), 2030	10000 Block of Wilshire Blvd	THEATER
5	08/20/15 (TUE), 2150	1000 Block of Glendon	RESTAURANT

## SUSPECT 1-2: MALE HISPANIC or MIDDLE EASTERN, MID TO LATE 20'S,

<u>SUSPECT-3:</u> FEMALE HISPANIC or MIDDLE EASTERN, MID TO LATE 20S, LONG BLOND HAIR WITH HIGHLIGHTS

MO: SUSPECT(S) REMOVED PURSE FROM CHAIR WHILE VICTIM WAS DINING IN RESTAURANT..A FRAUDULENT PURCHASE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE AT NEARBY STORE, 10000 BLOCK OF WEYBURN AVE.

A number of incidents with similar M.O. and suspect descriptions have been occurring in WLA, Santa Monica, Hollywood, Glendale, West Hollywood, and at LAX.

These incidents typically occur in upscale restaurants, with female diners positioning their purses on the back of their chairs or adjacent chairs. Suspects target their victims, often carrying jackets in their hands, placing the jacket over the victims' purse, concealing and removing the purse.

Suspects usually head to retail venue and make purchases (often gift cards) with victim's credit cards before the theft is discovered.



Contact West Los Angeles Theft Detective Todd Doyle at (310) 444-1521 for further information.