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Date: December 16, 2014
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
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Subject: Strong Armed Robbery

MEDIA RELEASE

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating a strong armed robbery that occurred on Friday, December 12, 2014 at about 6:50 pm in the 500 block of N. Main St. in Oshkosh.

The 76 year-old female victim was walking north on the west sidewalk when a subject on a bicycle came from behind her and grabbed her purse that was over her arm. The subject turned onto westbound W. Parkway Avenue.

The female victim was not injured in the robbery.

The suspect is described as a male black, 20-25 years of age with short hair, clean shaven and wearing a dark jacket. The bicycle was black in color.

Oshkosh Police searched the area and did not locate the suspect.

The purse was black in color and its contents are not being disclosed at this time.

Oshkosh Police are asking for citizen's help in identifying the male involved in this incident. If you can identify this suspect, you are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700. The Oshkosh Police Department thanks you for your assistance.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous, please contact Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers at (920) 231-8477 or text IGOTYA and you crime tip to 274637 or go to www.winnebagocrimestoppers.org and submit your text via the web. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

Here are a few safety suggestions when carrying your purse:

If at all possible, leave your purse at home and carry only what you need in your pockets. If you need your purse, remember to hold your purse snugly between your elbow and your body when walking. Carry only what is necessary in your purse. It has been suggested by some to wear your

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purse over the neck and shoulder or tightly wrap the purse strap around your wrist; but if someone is attempting to take your purse and pulls the purse, you may be injured. Be vigilant as you walk. If you see someone suspicious, do not look away as you walk by. Look at the person and get the best description you can. Criminals do not like to be identified. If the subject had intentions of stealing your purse, showing that you are not vulnerable and being able to identify the subject, they may just walk on by. If someone pulls your purse from your arm or shoulder, let it go. It is not worth a fight to keep your purse. You will want to report suspicious persons and incidents to the police. You may just stop a crime from occurring. Walk in a group. There is power in numbers.

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