



### **When the Cops Are Away, the Thieves Will Play**

6700 Block of NE 4th Avenue

After some brief police activity, a couple of thieves were now in the all-clear once the officers left. They backed a large Penske truck into the back of a business, drilled holes in the back wall, and blithely began to remove items. There is no driveway access, so the criminals made a bit of a mess. They drove off without incident. Our victim likely didn't want the cops to leave a second time because, what will happen next?

### **And They Came Back!**

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Only two days after the above incident, that yellow truck returned and witnesses saw a man drilling holes again in the back of the business. Police were called and set up a perimeter, but the would-be thief wasn't apprehended. Whatever is in this business, it must be removed and

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secured, as these thieves keep coming back for it.

### **Mean Spirited**

800 Block of NE 82nd Terrace

With no sign of forced entry, our victim came home to find that his apartment had been burglarized. The thief only took a couple of small kitchen appliances -- for his next family dinner, we guess. However, he didn't stop with the blender. Large holes were found in the walls and the ceiling, and the sliding-glass doors were damaged. There are no leads.

### **Going the Straight and Narrow**

401 Biscayne Blvd.

A security guard witnessed an intruder in the bar area of a Bayfront Marketplace restaurant long after it had closed. The would-be burglar had a black bag and began packing it with items from the cooler. It is not known if he saw the security guard or not, but he did suddenly make a run for it. He left his black bag full of alcohol behind. He either forgot it, or maybe he'd had enough of his criminal lifestyle. Time to register at Miami-Dade; lots of targets there.

### **What Did They Take?**

4800 Block of Biscayne Boulevard

Three females entered Publix around 10:00 p.m. They apparently weren't there for the chicken or the delicious sandwiches. They were there to steal "intimate" items valued at \$900. That is not a misprint. They had two bags each, which they loaded up with these "intimate" items. Report does not describe the items. The women made no attempt to pay and entered a waiting car. Perhaps our readers can help us solve the mystery: What were those items?

### **Diabetic Coma Coming**

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A man walked into the very same Publix and began moving up and down the aisles, placing items in a black canvas bag. This was not a hippie focusing on the end of plastic. This was a thief. He was seen taking a box of Reese's Peanut Butter cups, as well as a 24-pack of Kit Kats. He made no attempt to pay. No arrests have been made.

### **It Can Happen in an Instant**

600 Block of Biscayne Boulevard

Some Brazilian tourists were enjoying the great City of Miami. One had a camera and began taking pictures in front of the American Airlines Arena. Another woman of the party put her purse down on the ground as pictures were being taken. She walked away with the others, forgetting that her purse was still back where she'd left it. It was missing from its location but later found one block away, with its contents emptied. Perhaps that strapping young man in the background of the pic is the culprit. It just takes one minute.

### **Nighttime Mission**

7900 Block of Biscayne Boulevard

It happens all the time and is always the focus on Crime Beat. Tip jar robbery! Not exactly John Dillinger-style crime, but a hit is still a hit. This business had its tip jar taken, with all of 30 bucks that the employees won't get back. It's time to glue those things down. Strangely, this happened at night, after the business had closed. We guess the criminal has a heart and didn't want to see the dejected faces. That and perhaps not get his butt kicked.

### **Crime Shouldn't Be This Easy**

1900 Block of N. Bayshore Drive

Valet parking is a cash business -- no one is flashing plastic for parking their car -- and valets see lots of it. In this incident, surveillance video catches a man as he calmly entered the valet office and removed 45 dollars from the drawer. No one stopped him or even noticed that the valet drawer wasn't protected. Fortunately, the 45 bucks was not a big score, as this happened early in the evening. Miamians, you cannot leave *anything* unsecured.

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### **Bike Thief Gets Greedy**

3800 Block of NE 2nd Avenue

A security guard was making his rounds when he noticed something was amiss. Six security patrol bikes had been taken. A single wire tied down the bikes, but who is going to take *six* of them? There is security video, so hopefully the suspects will be arrested before you see security imposters roaming around the Design District.

### **Dirty Gym Clothes -- Why not?**

3200 Block of NE 1st Avenue

Very often gym bunnies in a rush to get to class on time will put clothing in a locker, not lock it, and then do their business. Not smart. Ever. The contents of this woman's open locker were now gone. But at least she made her class.

### **Mr. Clean, Just Hanging Out**

200 Block of Biscayne Boulevard

In this incident, a man broke into a restaurant after hours. He began eating food and nourishing himself with drinks. He then left the area but had the courtesy to clean up a bit. There is video of the incident.

### **Long Dinner, Quick Getaway**

3600 Block of Biscayne Boulevard

Two females entered this restaurant at 2:00 a.m. and placed their food and drink orders. They were a lively duo, ordering more as the night progressed. At 4:37 a.m., having been in the restaurant over two and a half hours, they got up and walked out without paying. Employees tried to stop them, but they entered a four door Corolla and drove north on the Boulevard.

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### **That Latte Looked Good**

2900 Block of Biscayne Boulevard

Even at the most civilized of places, people are still people and will take advantage. This man grabbed a cookie, walked to the back of the line, and then grabbed someone else's latte. He then walked out. A police report was made. Total value of the loot was six dollars.

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