

Police seek suspects after another Shoppers Drug Mart robbery

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It's a case of *déjà vu* for the Shopper's Drug Mart on Bayview Avenue at Hollandview Trail.

York Regional Police report a \$50,000 perfume theft at the store in the early hours of Thursday, August 22.

According to Constable Andy Pattenden of the York Regional Police, four male suspects entered the store at approximately 1.30 a.m. The suspects, he said, were captured on video surveillance ?entering the store with plastic garbage cans and recycling bins.?

?They proceeded to the perfume section of the store and began emptying store shelves,? he said in a statement. ?The suspects fled the area, taking over \$50,000 worth of perfume. Investigators with York Regional Police want to stress to all business owners the importance of maintaining and updating surveillance equipment. Quality images help to identify suspects, can aid in arrests, and have a tremendous impact during court proceedings.?

This is the second time in less than a year that this particular Shoppers Drug Mart Location has been hit. The last one took place on another Thursday, this time December 6 at 12.30 a.m. In that case, two male suspects entered the store with plastic garbage cans, targeting the fragrance aisle, and made off with \$15,000 worth of merchandise.

Speaking to The Auroran on Monday, Constable Pattenden said there were no developments on that particular case.

?We're definitely looking at links to this one,? he said. ?It looks like the same people and it looks like the same time. There was another one that took place in Markham that was a similar-type incident at a similar time with folks going in with these garbage cans and clearing out the fragrances. There are definitely similarities.?

Constable Pattenden said he didn't have any insight as to why this particular Shoppers Drug Mart location might be targeted.

Police ask that anyone with information on the incident contact York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423 x.7142.

The four suspects are described a male, wearing dark coloured clothing, and carrying four large plastic garbage bins and one large blue recycling bin.