



Bureau of Detectives – Area Central

Business Alert



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January 27, 2016

THEFT / ROBBERY 1st District (Central)

About the Crime:

This alert gives notice to taxi drivers and Uber drivers operating in the 1st (Central) District of theft / robbery related incidents that occurred during the month of January. Offenders have presented various ruses to distract cab drivers and Uber drivers in order to steal cell phones: Offenders pretended to hand out fliers on the public way while accomplices opened the front passenger door and took the drivers' phone. Offenders have gotten into cabs for hire and taken cell phones while the driver was distracted by a second rider. In one incident, the accomplice displayed a black handgun. These incidents occurred during the afternoon and evening hours in the general geographical locations listed below:

Incident times and locations:

- 0-100 block of E. Randolph St. on 22 December 2015 at 7:00 PM
- 100 block of N. State St. on 02 January 2016 at 2:55 PM
- 100 block of N. State St. on 07 January 2016 at 3:30 PM
- 0-100 block of E. Randolph St. on 07 January 2016 at 3:15 PM
- 100 block of N. Michigan Ave. on 15 January 2016 at 3:31 PM
- 100 block of N. Michigan Ave. on 16 January 2016 at 5:48 PM
- 0-100 block of E. Lake St. on 19 January 2016 at 2:15 PM

About the offenders:

Male, black, 15-17, 5'01, 165 lbs.,
Male, black, 20-25, 5'07, 165 lbs.,
Male, black, 24-27, 5'08, 175 lbs.,
Male, black, 21-23, 5'04, 145-155 lbs.
Male, black, 13-17

What you can do:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Report suspicious activity immediately
- If you are confronted by an assailant remain calm
- Remember any unique physical characteristics (scars, limp, acne, teeth, etc.)
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide the information to the police
- If approached by a witness to the incident, request contact information
- Dial 9-1-1 immediately and remain on scene when possible

If you have any information Contact the Bureau of Detectives – Area Central
(312) 747-8384

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