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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Subject:** WOMAN'S PURSE TAKEN FROM CAR



Today at approximately **5:04 PM**, the City of Miami Police Department responded to the parking lot of the Wendy's Restaurant located at 1100 NW 54 Street after learning from a person who flagged down a Miami Police officer that a woman had her purse stolen from the parking lot.

At the time, the incident appeared to be a robbery. However, once officers spoke to the victim they realized it was her purse that was stolen out of her vehicle.

According to the victim, she went inside the Wendy's Restaurant for approximately five minutes. Once the victim was approaching her car, she was surprised to see a black man in his 20's wearing a white t- shirt, brown pants leaning inside her driver window pulling her purse out of the car. He immediately jumps into an awaiting burgundy Toyota Camry parked next to hers. She stands behind that car, but realizes it's simply not worth getting hurt. As the driver of the Toyota reverses out of the parking space she only catches a quick glimpse. A witness described the driver as a black man in his twenties with dreads.

A nearby police officer hears the description of the vehicle and attempts to stop it, but he wouldn't stop. The officer followed the car until it was clear that the incident was a burglary to a motor vehicle and not a robbery.

The investigation led police to 600 NE 142 Street where the vehicle was seen parking by media choppers. After a search, the vehicle was found and taken to Miami Police Headquarters for further investigation. The owner of the vehicle told Miami Police detectives that his vehicle was stolen from a convenience store in the Opa Locka area. Detectives have spoken to him and are not considering him a suspect at this time.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade at 305-471-TIPS.

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