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Press Release

Today's Date: January 8, 2013
Date & Time Occurred: January 7, 2013 3 p.m.
Submitted By: Officer B. Larsen
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number: 13-00150
Type of Crime/Incident: Robbery, Elder Abuse
Location: Costco, 1050 Hume Way
Suspects: 16-year-old male

JUVENILE ARRESTED AT COSTCO ON ROBBERY, ELDER ABUSE CHARGES

On Monday, January 7, 2012, Vacaville police arrested a 16-year-old male in the parking lot of Costco after he tried to take a purse from a 77-year-old woman.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Monday, Vacaville police received a report of a robbery in progress in the parking lot of Costco, located at 1050 Hume Way. It was reported the suspect fled and had been apprehended by store personnel a short distance from the scene.

Officers arrived on the scene and determined the victim, a 77-year-old female, was walking through the parking lot when the suspect, a 16-year-old male, approached her from behind and attempted to forcefully remove her purse from her shoulder. The force caused the victim to fall to the ground while she managed to hold onto her purse. The suspect continued in his attempt to take the victim's purse from her, dragging her a short distance. The victim began yelling for help, at which time store employees and citizens ran to her aid. As help neared, the suspect let go of the purse and fled on foot. Store personnel chased the suspect and detained him a short distance away, holding him until officers arrived.

The suspect was charged with robbery and elder abuse and was booked into custody at Solano County Juvenile Hall.

The Vacaville Police Department would like remind citizens to remain aware of their surroundings, even in crowded parking lots, and to call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.