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Press Release

Three suspects sought after theft at Stage department store

Two females in their 20s and a male in his 30s also accused of assault

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 4, 2015) — The Arkansas City Police Department is seeking three suspects in connection with a theft and aggravated assault Thursday at Stage department store.

The suspects are described as two white females with red hair, approximately in their 20s, and a white male in his 30s. They fled the scene with stolen merchandise in a black 2002 Ford Explorer.

Police responded about 4:30 p.m. to the store at 211 S. Summit St. The suspects already had left the scene prior to officers' arrival.

The females allegedly removed merchandise from the store without paying for it.

When an employee confronted them in a vehicle outside the store, in an effort to retrieve the stolen merchandise, the driver placed the vehicle in reverse and almost struck the employee.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call Sgt. Eric Mata at the Arkansas City Police Department at (620) 441-4444 or Cowley County Crime Stoppers at (620) 442-7777.

All tips will remain anonymous.

Cowley County Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to an arrest.

Call 442-7777 in Ark City or (620) 221-7777 in Winfield, or visit www.tipsubmit.com to make an anonymous report. An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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