



## NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 19-1159

Portage Public Safety detectives are investigating the theft of collectible gold coins valued at over \$10,000.00 from Scott's Sports Cards and Jewelry, 7428 S. Westnedge in Portage. The theft occurred on January 14, 2019, at approximately 2:25 p.m.

The male suspect distracted store staff while a female suspect placed American Eagle gold coins in a pocket and later left the store with the male suspect.

They asked an employee to show them several gold and silver coins. The male then distracted the employee by showing him his wrist watch and then had him package other coins they never intended to purchase as the female took the gold coins and placed them in her pocket.

They left in a newer black GMC/Chevy Tahoe type vehicle that was parked in the parking lot of an adjacent business.

The female suspect is described as a short Hispanic female approximately 30-35 years of age with a medium build with long black hair pulled back in a ponytail.

The male suspect is described as a short Hispanic male, approximately 30-35 years of age with a short-medium build, with short black hair, a goatee and wearing a gold watch.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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