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DISTRACTION THEFTS

The Plano Police Department and several neighboring communities have recently experienced numerous distraction thefts at area grocery stores and retail establishments. This type of crime usually occurs when an individual distracts the victim from their personal belongings placed in the top tray of a shopping cart.

The suspect in the attached photograph has committed several of these offenses and has been known to approach shoppers asking for help in reading product labels or ingredients. As the victim attempts to assist the suspect, a second suspect approaches and removes items from the victim's purse or personal belongings. These suspects are targeting credit cards, cash, or any other valuable items left unprotected.

The Plano Police Department is requesting your assistance in identifying this suspect, a black female, approximately 5'7" tall, heavysset, and missing two to four front teeth. The suspect has been known to wear wigs and is nicely dressed. The Plano Police Department believes her age to be between 35 and 40 and her first name may possibly be Gina.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of this individual, please contact the Plano Police Department at 972-941-2148.

