



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
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**PRESS RELEASE
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Date: Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019

Subject: Purse Snatching

At approximately 11:30 am on April 1st, 2019 Uniformed Officers of the Fall River Police Department were dispatched to the 800 block of Second Street in response to a reported Unarmed Robbery of an elderly female.

On arrival, Officers' spoke to a 70-year-old female who stated she was in her driveway with her 73-year-old husband when an unknown male approached. As the male got closer, the husband asked: "What are you doing?" The unknown male replied "Nothing". The unknown male grabbed the purse of the 70-year-old female. The 73-year-old male attempted to grab the unknown male but fell injuring his hand. The unknown male ran off.

Witnesses reported that they observed the unknown male standing at the edge of the victims' driveway when the victims pulled their car in but could not see into the driveway as the unknown male entered it.

The suspect is described as a black male in his thirties, wearing a black hooded jacket, blue jeans, and white sneakers.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Fall River Police Departments Major Crimes Division at 508-324-2796. You can always call anonymously on the TIPS line 508-672-8477 (TIPS).

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