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PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, 11/24/2019 at approximately 0942 hours, Red Oak PD personnel were dispatched to the Whataburger located at 101 Harris Ave. in reference to a purse snatching that had already occurred. On 11/24/2019 at 9:37 AM, three unidentified black male subjects arrive at the Whataburger Restaurant located at 101 Harris Avenue in Red Oak in a green van that was listed as stolen out of the City of Dallas. The male subjects enter the business, walk around the restaurant without incident and depart the restaurant. All of the male subjects get back into the stolen vehicle and proceed to watch customers as they arrive at the business. At approximately 9:40 AM, the front vehicle pulls next to a group of people talking in the parking lot. One of the black male subjects exits the suspect vehicle and grabs the purse from the victims arm. The suspect jumps back into the suspect vehicle, which proceeds northbound on IH-35E service road towards Dallas. Officers searched the surrounding area but could not locate the subject. The Red Oak Police Department authorized a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) transmission to surrounding agencies and continued to attempt to locate the subject with negative results. The video of the actual offense can be viewed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/eAIKLS0WhQE>. The stolen green van has since been recovered but the suspect's committed additional offenses in Cedar Hill and Desoto on the same day and appear to be black males in their late teens to early 20's based on the following photos:



The Red Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division is attempting to identify the suspects. If anyone has information to the identity of the subject, please contact Detective Michael Fitzgerald at 469-218-7702 / MFitzgerald@redoaktx.org or the Red Oak Police Department at 972-775-3333.

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