

# Airdrie Rural RCMP - 6 People Treated for Bear-Spray Exposure in Robbery at Cross Iron Mall

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Airdrie Rural RCMP are releasing surveillance photos of the suspects in a robbery that saw 6 people injured and 20 others affected by bear-spray last night.

On October 26 at approximately 7:15 pm, four males entered the food court of the Cross Iron Mall. Two of the males attempted to steal a tip jar from a food court vendor. An employee of another vendor witnessed the theft and intervened in an effort to stop the suspects. A third male then assaulted the employee, knocking him to the floor and a fourth sprayed bear-spray at the employee and a shopper who also attempted to intervene.

The suspects all ran from the mall and fled in a Silver Hyundai Elantra with Alberta License Plate BVV0131. This vehicle had been previously reported stolen.

Six people were treated by EMS for exposure to bear spray and an additional 20, including children, were affected by the contamination of the air.

Investigators have determined that the same suspects were involved in a theft from the Tommy Hilfiger store in the Cross Iron Mall the same evening. Video surveillance of the two incidents has provided investigators with the following suspect descriptions;

## Suspect #1

- Black male
- 18-25 years old
- Short black hair
- Blue puffy down jacket with hood over head
- Ripped light acid coloured jeans



- Black belt
- Black shoes

#### Suspect #2

- Black male
- 15-18 years old
- Short black hair
- Grey zip up hoody
- Ripped dark coloured jeans
- Black shoes



#### Suspect #3

- Black male
- 13-16 years old
- Short black hair
- Dark coloured hoodie
- Light coloured pants
- Black shoes



#### Suspect #4

- Black male
- 11-14 years old
- Short black hair
- Black long sleeve jacket/hoody
- Black pants
- Black shoes

Images captured by mall surveillance cameras are attached. Airdrie RCMP are asking for the public's assistance to locate the stolen vehicle involved in this crime as well as to identify the individuals responsible. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Airdrie RCMP detachment at 403-975-7267.

If you have information about this, or any other crime(s), and you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at [www.tipsubmit.com/](http://www.tipsubmit.com/), or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers [[www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/](http://www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/)] for instructions on how to do it.) You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers, and if you provide information to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest(s), the recovery of stolen property, and/or a seizure of illicit drugs, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

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