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Detectives Seek Witnesses To A Diamond Heist On I-5

King County: At approximately 3:48pm on February 6, 2018 the Washington State Patrol (WSP) received a call from a citizen that stated an attempted carjacking had occurred WB SR 520 to NB I-5.

Once troopers arrived they determined that this was actually a diamond theft. The victim stated he was traveling around the Seattle and Bellevue area to client/jewelers and was on his way to his last client in Seattle. He was exiting from WB SR 520 to NB I-5 when a dark colored sedan made an abrupt lane change and slammed on the brakes causing him to brake hard and come to a stop. At this time a second vehicle intentionally struck his car from behind and two men wearing bandanas approached his vehicle. They broke out both front windows, struck him several times, grabbed the bag of diamonds (total value of \$400,000.00) under his leg along with the key fob for the car and his phone. They also demanded him to open the trunk where they removed and took a large suitcase.

The victim had his phone tracked to 650 NE 42nd St in Seattle where it was discovered abandoned in a grassy area. He was treated at the scene by the Seattle Fire Department then transported to the WSP office where detectives took photos and interviewed him.



Detectives are seeking any additional witnesses or information about this crime to include someone that may have seen the phone thrown from a vehicle at the address listed above. Please contact Detective Vik Mauro at Victoria.mauro@wsp.wa.gov.

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