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Distraction Theft Alert

July 24, 2009 – The Jupiter Police Department would like to alert the public regarding a recent incident involving a strong armed robbery.

On Thursday, July 23, 2009, an elderly female left a local Publix supermarket and was waiting for the traffic signal at the intersection of Indiantown Road and U.S. Highway 1. An unidentified male knocked on the female's car window and informed her that her tire was going flat and instructed her to pull into a parking lot. The female complied and exited her vehicle. Two males exited their vehicle and asked the female to walk to the rear of her vehicle. At that time, she realized that her tires were fine and attempted to get back into her vehicle. One of the males had gained access to female's keys and proceeded to grab her hand. He then removed a ring from her finger and threw the keys at the female.

Distraction theft is a growing problem and the public should be aware. This type of crime is a priority and we are continuing to raise awareness and show it can happen to anyone - not just the vulnerable or elderly.

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