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Cramerton Police Investigate Armed Robbery

Cramerton Police are actively investigating an armed robbery that occurred on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Dollar General, 210 Market Street, Cramerton. Gaston County Communications dispatched officers to the store at approximately 7:16 PM after receiving a 911 call from a customer inside the store who had barricaded herself inside the store's bathroom after being robbed of her purse.

Officers arrived at the store within two minutes of the call being dispatched and were immediately told of an injury inside the store. Officers entered the business and successfully extracted an elderly female who had been assaulted by one of the suspects. The victim received head injuries after being struck.

Witnesses told police that three black males entered the store shortly before 7:15 PM and were acting suspicious. Witnesses stated that the assailants exited the store and that two of them returned a short time later brandishing handguns and demanding the store's money and valuables of the customer's who were shopping inside the store.

The suspects were last seen exiting the store's emergency exit and getting into a silver or grey small passenger car. The suspect vehicle left traveling north on Market Street toward McAdenville. Two customers were transported to Gaston Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Persons with any information on the incident are asked to contact the Cramerton Police Department at 704.824.7964 or the Gaston County Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 704.861.8000.