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Search is on for Highland robbery suspects

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in finding two Hispanic males who reportedly jumped a 20-year-old Highland man in the parking lot of a gas station at Highland and Duck Lake roads in Highland Sept. 28, tearing a silver chain from his neck before fleeing in a minivan.

The victim, who said he was not injured, told sheriff deputies that the necklace was worth \$300.

A composite drawing of one of the suspects was released Friday by the OCSO. The man is described as Hispanic, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 160 to 180 pounds, and 35 to 40 years old. He had black hair, a thin mustache and stubble on his chin at the time of the attack, and was wearing a golf type shirt with red and yellow stripes, and dark brown cargo type shorts. His skin was described as pitted and medium to dark in tone.

The victim told sheriff deputies that he was walking back to his car after buying cigarettes at the gas station shortly after 2 a.m. when he was approached by two men. One of them grabbed him from behind, his necklace was ripped off and he was thrown to the ground. They also reportedly stole his cigarettes.

The other suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 6 feet to 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighing 200 to 250 pounds and in his 40s. He was reportedly wearing a white button-up shirt, shiny black dress pants and shiny black shoes.

They reportedly had asked the gas station clerk for directions to Lansing moments before the attack.

The victim said the two men took off in a minivan, possibly an older Dodge Caravan, silvery tan in color and with a Michigan license plate.

Lt. David Pement of the OCSO Highland substation said this type of crime is unusual for that area.

"This is not an everyday occurrence in Highland, to have someone come up behind you, grab a necklace and calmly walk away" Pement said. "It's not something you hear about very often around here."

Anyone with information on the suspects is asked to call the OCSO Highland substation at (248) 887-5863 or (888) TURN - 1 - IN.
