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ALERT!

Purse snatched in broad daylight!

On April 14, 2009, 51-year-old Charles Anderson was sentenced to three years in prison for a purse snatching incident. This incident happened at 11:30 a.m. on a busy sidewalk in downtown Akron outside the popular Peanut Shoppe. The 79-year-old victim and an employee were loading her car with purchases from the store when Anderson reached into her car and took her purse from the car seat.

This case is a reminder that we have to be cautious at all times.

The best advice I can give you is to consider NOT carrying a purse at all. If you want to carry a purse, place it on the floor in your car, not on the seat with an unlocked door or an open window. The thief will have a hard time seeing it and an even harder time stealing it.

Also, if someone grabs your purse, let them have it. It is never worth risking your safety to fight for your purse.

It is never the victim's fault when a criminal attacks or robs them, but I always want to point out steps we can take to try and not become a crime victim.

Please feel free to call my office anytime if there is any way we can assist you.