

Police Pounce on Pickpocket Plundering Passengers' Packs

(October 28) To the pickpocket, it must have seemed easy pickings – the backpacks of school kids boarding a Metro Bus at the corner of 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue.

But, observing from a distance were members of the LAPD's Pickpocket Detail. They watched the suspect remove articles from several victim's backpacks as they stepped onto the bus. The officers knew just what to do.

An undercover officer dropped her wallet into the outside pocket of a backpack, shouldered the bag and lined up for the bus. The suspect "immediately opened the backpack and removed the wallet," according to the police report.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old male suspect and booked him for Grand Theft - Person.

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