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Masked men smash cases, steal \$900,000 in jewelry

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Three men banging on plastic trash cans entered the Barry Zale Fine Jewlery store in Preston Center about 10:30 Saturday morning, smashed two glass cases and left in two minutes with an estimated \$900,000 in merchandise.

According to Det. Bill Manson of the Northwest

Investigative Unit, there were no weapons actually displayed in the theft. "Banging on the trash cans was a tactic to alarm people," Manson said.

No one was hurt during the incident.

The three suspects entered the store approximately 20 to 30 minutes after the store opened wearing ski masks and dressed in dark apparel

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with long sleeves. They fled to an awaiting vehicle driven by a fourth suspect who also

wore a ski mask.

Manson said several drivers' license numbers have been submitted from witnesses who identified the car as a light brown Mercury or Grand Marquis. One of the

license numbers submitted was a car reported stolen from Plano.

"We're pursuing leads at this time and we're going to pursue every avenue we can on this," Manson said.