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Flash Mob Burglary at Yves Saint Laurent Prompts Police Response and Enhanced Security Measures

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Glendale, CA – The Yves Saint Laurent store in Glendale was the victim of a bold, flash mob burglary yesterday. Located at the Americana at Brand, at least 30 suspects flooded the store at approximately 4:50 pm Tuesday afternoon. The suspects stole clothing and other merchandise before fleeing on foot and leaving the location in numerous vehicles. While still under investigation, the estimated loss is approximately \$300,000.

Glendale patrol officers were on-scene within two minutes of receiving the 9-1-1 call to ensure the safety of Americana patrons and attempt to apprehend the suspects. Burglary Detectives have initiated a comprehensive investigation, which includes collaboration with Americana's security and leadership.

Caruso, owner of The Americana at Brand, will offer a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects who committed this crime.

These "flash mob" burglaries involve a large, coordinated group of individuals simultaneously rushing into the store, overwhelming staff, and taking it over. The suspects grab as much merchandise as possible before fleeing in multiple vehicles.

"This type of criminal activity will not be tolerated in Glendale. The Glendale Police Department will pursue all leads and utilize every available resource to apprehend those responsible and bring them to justice. Expect an elevated police presence in and around the downtown Glendale corridor. Our commitment to the safety of the residents, businesses, and visitors to Glendale is unwavering and our top priority. Our city remains strong and united against lawlessness and criminal activity threatening our safety and well-being." -Chief Manny Cid.

The Glendale Police Department asks anyone with information to assist in this case contact us immediately by calling 818-548-4911. To remain anonymous, call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org


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