**Press Release: For Immediate Release Date:**

**For more information, contact:**

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Shop Name:

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**Be on the Alert!**

***Quilt shops - along with other small business owners being targeted***

**City, State:** Local Quilt Shop (Shop Name) was targeted in a multi-state series of theft and credit card fraud. The suspects have targeted quilt shops across the country for the past year (at least), stealing wallets and credit cards which are then used to purchase goods at nearby Sam’s Club and Walmart stores.

**According to all reports**

The couple enters the shop, the female suspect has fabric swatches and distracts the employee with a story about making pillows for/with grandma. The male suspect searches for purses - removing wallets. They then exit the shop.

Once they have something - they proceed directly to a Walmart or Sam's Club to spend whatever they can.

They are seen leaving in vehicles - without license plates (different vehicles in different locations have been reported).

They are targeting multiple quilt shops in an area before relocating to a different area.

Several of the shops that have been hit by this couple have obtained photos and video from shop security cameras.

**Early reports have this couple hitting quilt shops in**

* 2021 - a quilt shop in Yukon Oklahoma (Photo)
* San Angelo Texas - January 13, 2022
* Early 2022 - 2 quilt shops in Omaha Nebraska
* Chicago Illinois - March 2022
* Pittsburgh and Glenshaw Pennsylvania - May 2022
* South and North Dakota - May / June 2022
* Louisville and Bowling Green Kentucky - June 2022
* Tucson Arizona - June 1, 2022
* Odessa and Midland Texas - June 7, 2022
* Billings Montana - June 8, 2022 (Photo and Video)
* New Jersey - June 14, 2022 (Photo)

**More recent siting’s have been in**

* Temecula California and Riverside California - August 30, 2022 (Photo)

**If this couple enters your shop** - call the local police. Do not try to apprehend these suspects - doing so may be dangerous.

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