

Muggers now targeting luxury winter coats

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強盗事件が多発している / 世界中の都市で / 強盗たちがとある新たな盗む物に注目しているからだ - 高級コートである// ここ数週間で / ロンドンやワシントン DC、その他の大都市地域の人々は / コートを奪われている / ナイフで脅されて// イギリス、バーミンガムの男性が顔を切り付けられた / 泥棒たちが彼の上着を持ち去るために// 犯罪者はコートを狙っている / 一着につき 2200ドルほどの// 文字通り人々の背中からコートを奪うだけでなく / 泥棒たちは人々の車にも侵入している// デヴィッドウィルソン教授は / バーミンガム市立大学の犯罪学者である / 強盗は新たな「高級品犯罪傾向」の始まりに際していると警告した// 彼は、盗難は「心配事」と言った。//

ウィルソン教授は高級な冬用ジャケットを持つ人々に警告した / 気を付けるように// 彼は言った / 『カナダグースブランドの上着を着ている人に伝えたい / 気を付け自覚するように / 周囲の環境と周りに誰がいるのか// 機会に乗じる犯罪者には注意しなければならない / コートを盗もうとするかもしれない』// 彼は付け加えた / 『泥棒たちは、以前はロレックスの時計を狙い / 何千ポンドにもなる / オンラインで売った』// ロンドンの交通局の広報は言った / 『カナダグースのコートは強盗に狙われている// 本当に悩ましいことだ / なぜならそれは (公共) 交通網での若者の安全に本当に強く影響する』// 彼女は付け加えた / 「買収的犯罪」は / 「とても厄介で、脅威であり、恐ろしい」//

※買収的犯罪：金品を目的とした犯罪のこと。直訳は「貪欲な犯罪」

《Vocabulary and Phrases》

spate	好ましくないことが頻発	high-end	高級
mugging	強盗	be aware of	気づいている
metropolitan	中心都市	surroundings	周り
make off with	盗んで逃げる	vigilant	用心深い
target	的にする	opportunist	便乗主義者
literally	文字通り	concern	懸念、憂慮
criminologist	犯罪学者	impact	大きな影響
warn	警告する	acquisitive	貪欲な、欲張り
worrying	心配な、面倒な	intimidating	威圧的

Total Number of words used

: 246 words

Time for 120 wpm

: 123 sec.

Time for 150 wpm

: 98 sec.

Your BEST TIME

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TIPS フリマアプリの危険性

高価な品も安く買える場合がありますが、その際には「盗品」であるリスクも念頭に置きましょう。知らずに買ってしまった際には犯罪にはなりません、ややこしい、面倒事に巻き込まれてしまうことは必至です。

リスクを避けるには、値段に飛びつかず、適切な品であるかを確認する。または正規品を正規店で購入しましょう。

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Question 1: According to the text, how thieves steal coats from people?

Question 2: Briefly explain what an "opportunist" is.

Question 3: Briefly explain what an "acquisitive crime" is.

Summarize

Q&A Sample Answers:

Q1:

They are stealing coats by using knives to attack people and directly snatching the coats, as well as breaking into vehicles to steal them.

Q2:

The "opportunists" referred to in this passage are those who take advantage of situations to steal from others for their own benefit.

Q3:

An "acquisitive crime" refers to crimes committed with the intention of obtaining material goods or possessions.

Sample Summary:

Muggers now want luxury coats to sell online. A man in Birmingham was slashed in the face for his coat. These stolen goods are sold online. Anybody wearing Canada Goose is advised to be vigilant.

In recent years, there has been a surge in robberies targeting high-value items, with luxury coats as a prime example, occurring worldwide. Thieves employ tactics such as direct theft and breaking into vehicles. As a result, experts have cautioned individuals wearing expensive items to be mindful of their surroundings to avoid opportunistic theft. Additionally, according to Transport for London, "acquisitive crime" is very threatening to young people with valuables in crowded public transport.