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**Muggers now targeting luxury winter coats – 8th January 2024**

## Level 4

A series of muggings in cities worldwide has seen people robbed of expensive coats. In recent weeks, people have had their coats stolen at knifepoint. A man in the UK was slashed across his face when thieves mugged him for his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200. A criminologist in the U.K. warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying".

The criminologist warned people wearing brand coats to be careful. He said: "Be aware of your surroundings...You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal your coat." He added that thieves are changing from stealing watches to coats. A London Transport spokesperson said the muggings were "a real concern". She said they have a huge impact on the safety of young people, and that the crimes were frightening.

## Level 5

A spate of muggings in cities worldwide has seen people robbed of their luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London and Washington DC have had their coats stolen at knifepoint. One man in the UK was slashed across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200. Thieves are also breaking into people's vehicles to steal the brand items. A criminologist at Birmingham City University warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying".

The criminologist warned those with expensive, branded coats to be careful. He said: "Be aware of your surroundings and who is around you. You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that thieves are changing their focus. They once stole watches, which they sold for thousands of dollars. A London Transport spokesperson said the muggings were "a real concern". She said they have a huge impact on the safety of young people. She added that the crimes were "very concerning, intimidating and frightening".

## Level 6

There has been a spate of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing on a new item to steal – luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their coats at knifepoint. One man in Birmingham in the UK was slashed across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200 each. As well as literally stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are breaking into people's vehicles. Professor David Wilson, a criminologist at Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying".

Professor Wilson warned those with high-end winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful and be aware of your surroundings and who is around you. You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches which go for thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a real concern to us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, intimidating and frightening".