

Bend Police seek knife-wielding carjacker

by Cheryl McDermott

Bend Police are asking the public's help in locating a man who carjacked a vehicle at knifepoint Saturday afternoon, forcing the car-owner to the ground as she was leaving Costco with her 8-month-old child in a stroller, then demanding the keys and fleeing the scene.

Bend Police provided a photo of a vehicle similar to the one stolen. If you see a 2004 Jeep Cherokee, silver in color, with Oregon license plate 043 BDV, call 911. Do not approach the vehicle or driver, police caution. Sgt. Dan Ritchie said that the victim, a 31-year old Bend woman, was carjacked about 12:35 p.m., February 9, as she was leaving the store at 2500 Highway 20. Neither the woman nor her child was injured, but the suspect fled in the victim's silver 2004 Jeep Cherokee bearing an Oregon license plate 043 BDV. A dog cage/divider inside the vehicle should be visible from the outside, the sergeant said.

The suspect is described as a white male in his early-to-mid 20s with brown hair and a medium build. He has reddish facial hair, a pierced lower lip, and was last seen wearing a camouflage hooded sweatshirt and blue

jeans.

Anyone who sees the vehicle is warned not to confront the driver or approach the vehicle, but is asked to immediately call 911. Persons with information about the case are asked to phone Bend Police at 541.693.6911.

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