

# Police “red-faced” over Dollar Store Robbery

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The hostages were released unhurt as the robbers got into the vehicles. The gang was pursued by two motorcycle police officers, one of whom sustained minor injuries when his bike crashed during the chase. The other officer in pursuit lost sight of the robbers’ vehicle before he could provide police radio dispatch with clear details on the whereabouts of the suspects.

## **Big Haul For Bandits**

The robbers netted what one police source described as a near-six figure haul. The bandits struck shortly after 5 pm local time, timing their heist to net the huge proceeds of the store’s annual Piggy Bank Bizarre Sale.

At the scene of the robbery, the two masked vigilantes were arrested and taken to police headquarters. Police have not released their names. Despite the bullet wound sustained by one of the two

men, he was not treated in hospital until late last night – at least six hours after the robbery.

## **Harsh Penalty Needed**

Captain Curtis said: “This operation could have been brilliant. Just brilliant. Instead, what you witnessed was nothing short of Neolithic incompetence. I’ve never seen anything like it in 20 years of law enforcement.

“These robbers have been terrorizing this city like a plague for too long. We could have apprehended them today. I want to apologize to the city and my colleagues that we failed to do it. But it should be pointed out that we were severely hindered by grotesque interference.

“We will punish these two vigilantes. We will charge them with obstruction of justice and if the courts know what’s good for the community, these two will be jailed.”

Captain Curtis denied that he had intended to hit one of the two vigilantes and refused to comment further.

Criminologist Professor Charles Sutcliffe, Dean of Charlestown University’s law faculty, said he believed the city was witnessing a disturbing new trend.

“We’ve all seen the emergence of media-inspired violence, thrill kills and other disturbing copy-cat types of crime,” Professor Sutcliffe said. “But in this instance, we have two men imitating what can only be described as comic-book fantasy. The problem is that even though these individuals think they’re doing good deeds, they are an extreme menace to society.”

## **Psychiatric Evaluation for Vigilantes**

The two vigilantes are to be temporarily placed in psychiatric custody for an extensive evaluation by noted psychiatrist Dr. Alvin. P. Rogers.

Dr. Rogers said: “I am not able to divulge any specific information at this time, but I can say that it is my experience that in these types of cases, the individuals concerned are usually obsessed with being needed.”