Suspects attack and tie up Bucks County comic book store owner, steal merchandise

Police say the males beat the store owner, tied him up and held a knife to his face threatening to kill him.

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FEASTERVILLE, Pennsylvania -- Police are searching for two males who attacked and robbed a comic book store owner in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

It happened at the Comic Collection store located at 83 Bustleton Pike in Feasterville around 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sep. 18.

According to the Lower Southampton Township Police Department, the males entered the store and asked the owner to help them get items from a high shelf.

When the owner went up on a ladder, police say one of the suspects violently knocked him off and the owner fell to the ground.

Police say the males then beat the store owner, tied him up and held a knife to his face threatening to kill him if he did not cooperate.

The suspects then pulled out two large duffel bags from a backpack and began filling them with a laptop, the owner's keys, cash, comic books, Pokemon cards, action figures and other merchandise from the store.

According to police, the males emptied the owner's wallet, leaving his credit cards behind.

Police say the store owner suffered numerous contusions and lacerations, as well as broken ribs.

Responding officers arrived on the scene as the suspects fled.

Police say the males left their duffel bags in nearby woods as they were being pursued.

One of the suspects removed a hoodie and beanie he was wearing as he was trying to evade police. Authorities released a photo of him wearing a Rolling Rock t-shirt he had on underneath the hoodie.

The second suspect was wearing a red Deadpool t-shirt. Police say the shirt was recovered by officers.

"All the collected evidence will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Crime Lab for forensic analysis," police say.

Anyone with information about this crime or recognize the suspects should contact Detective Dan DiLello at 215-357-1235 extension 408 or email rdilello@lstwp.org.
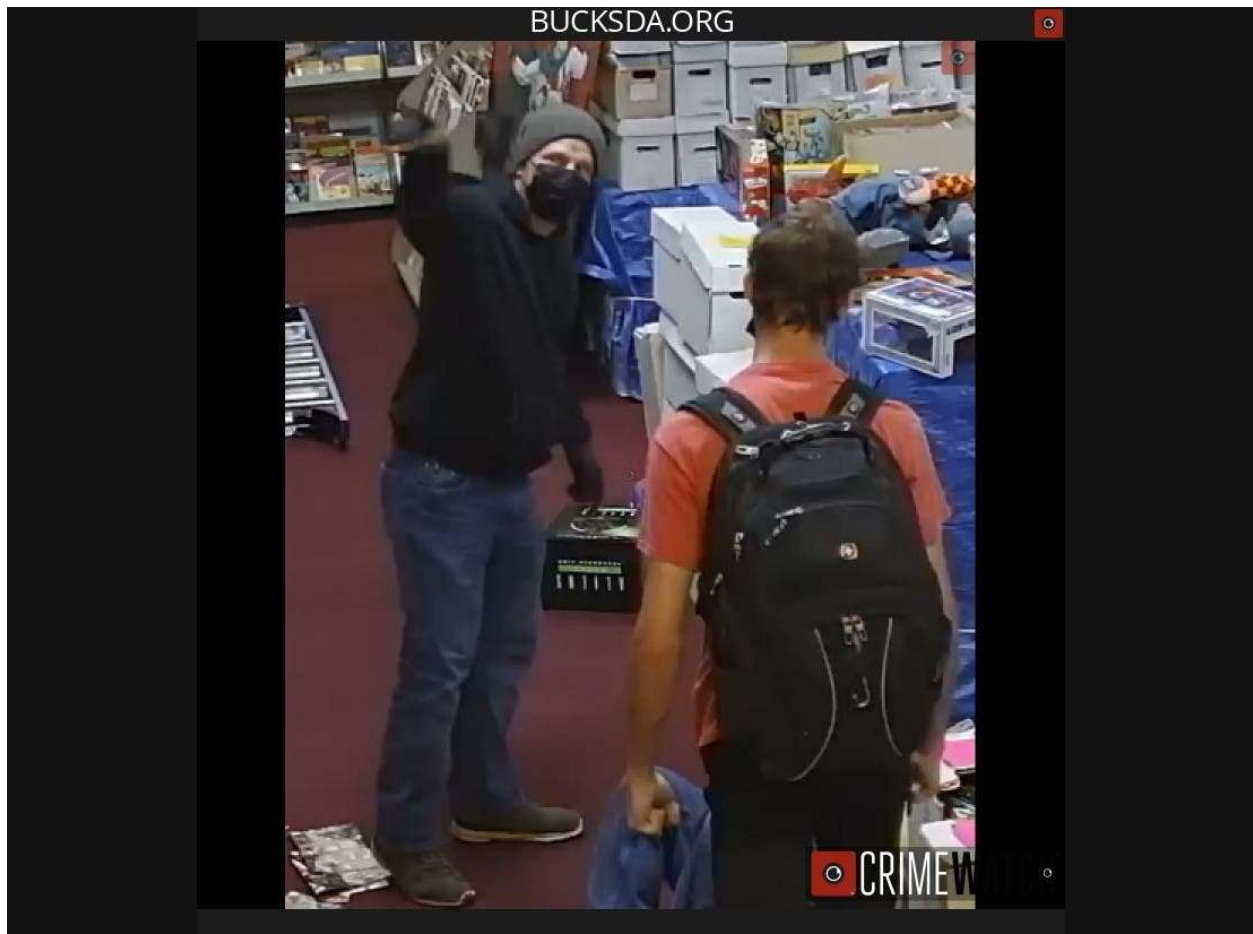
Comic Store Owner Beaten, Tied Up, Threatened With Death: Police

Lower Southampton Township police seek two suspects for assault and robbery Sunday. They swiped keys, cash, comic books and Pokemon cards.

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Lower Southampton Township Police Department are seeking two suspects in

Sunday's robbery and assault at a comics store. (Lower Southampton Township Police Department)

LOWER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, PA —A comic store owner was beaten, tied up and threatened with a knife before two suspects fled with comic books, action figures and Pokemon cards.

Lower Southampton Police went Sunday to the Comic Collection store on 83 Bustleton Pike in Feasterville for an assault and robbery in which two men entered the store and asked the business owner for help in getting merchandise off a high shelf.

Once the owner went up the ladder, one male violently knocked him off and he fell to the ground, police said.

The two males began to beat the unidentified victim, tied him up and held a knife to his face threatening to kill him if he did not cooperate.

They then pulled out two large duffel bags from a backpack and loaded them up with a laptop, the victim's keys, cash, comic books, Pokemon cards, action figures, and other store merchandise.

They emptied his wallet and left his credit cards behind.

Police said the victim suffered numerous contusions, lacerations, and broken ribs.

Both suspects wore black disposable latex gloves and used black zip ties to secure the victim. They left the duffel bags in the woods nearby while being pursued by police.

Suspect #1 wore a black hoodie, jeans, sneakers, a beanie, and a black Covid mask during the robbery. While running from officers, he removed the hoodie and beanie. Police said he was wearing a Rolling Rock beer T-shirt and had a distinctive tattoo on his left forearm.

Suspect #2 wore a red "Deadpool" (comic book character) T-shirt, black pants, sneakers, and a black Covid mask. The red shirt was recovered by police.

All the collected evidence will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Crime Lab for forensic analysis.

Anyone with information about this crime or who recognizes the involved males, please contact Detective Dan DiLello at 215-357-1235 ext. 408, or email him at rdilello@lstwp.org. You may also submit a tip.

2 men wanted for beating, robbing beloved Bucks County comic store owner

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FEASTERVILLE, Pa. (CBS) -- Police in Bucks County are looking for two men who bound, beat and robbed a beloved 61-year-old comic store owner. The brutal incident was captured on a surveillance camera.

"We sell comics, action figures, music even you name it, we have it," Comic Collection founder Dave Schwartz said.

Comic Collection has been a haven for hobbyists for nearly 40 years.

Schwartz is known to his customers as the sovereign of eclectic treasures from eras past and present so much so they call him "The Comic Deity."

Two Sundays ago. the 61-year-old was alone doing inventory in his Feasterville shop around 4 p.m. when two men wearing masks walked in.

"I've never seen them in here before," Schwartz said.

Video shows the pair asking Schwartz to grab a statue off the top shelf.

"They got me to go up there and as I'm grabbing, they pushed the ladder out underneath me and I came down," Schwartz said. "I was down and then they proceeded to come in and punch away, and kick away and they were stomping on me pretty good."

Schwartz's ribs were shattered and nearly two weeks after, bruises are still visible on his face, arms and abdomen.

The attackers then zip-tied Schwartz's hands and feet as one of the men pulled out a knife.

"He put it to my face and said if you want to live and I just nodded my head," Schwartz said.

The thieves stuffed more than $16,000 worth of merchandise into duffle bags as Schwartz was bound and bleeding.

"At that point, I was doing whatever needed to be done, to stay alive," Schwartz said.

Forty-five minutes later, a neighbor spotted the men running off and called the police.

Schwartz credits his community for helping save his life.

"People in this neighborhood do look out for each other and I've had so many people that have called me and checked on me," he said, "and it's been wonderful."

Schwartz's already back to work, accompanied by friends and fans who aren't letting this self-dubbed "stubborn Gus" be here alone anymore.

As his attackers remain on the run, Schwartz is hoping someone may know who and where they are, his spirit and mission remarkably preserved.

"My goal of this store is to make as many people happy as possible," Schwartz said.

Call Lower Southampton police if you have any information.