

Detective: Hello, how can I help you?

Victim: Hello, I would like to report a stolen bicycle. My name is Alice Williams and my bike was stolen last night. I had it locked up outside my apartment like I always do and this morning when I went out, it was gone.

Detective: OK, can you give me some details about the location the bike was stolen from?

Victim: Yes, yesterday, I rode my bicycle home from work and got back around 7:30 pm. I parked it in the bike rack near my apartment and locked it up with a U-lock. I got that U-lock because all the reviews online said it was the strongest lock on the market. I only have a bicycle to get around, so I'm always careful to lock it up because it will be hard to go about my daily life without my bicycle. I can't afford to buy a new bike right now... but how am I going to get to work? This is just the worst timing...

Detective: That must be very frustrating. What time did you notice the bike missing?

Victim: I woke up this morning at around 6 am to get ready to go to work. When I walked downstairs I couldn't see my bike, this was probably at 7:10 am. I couldn't believe it... the lock had been cut and was lying on the ground. I looked around the bike rack just in case someone had moved it, but it wasn't there.

Detective: Can you describe the bike for me, please?

Victim: My bike is yellow, so it doesn't look like many other people's bikes. I just couldn't believe it... Why would someone want to take my bicycle? I love it but it's not new and it's not that fancy but it is special to me. My parents gave me that bike for my birthday. They knew how much I loved yellow and they found that bike for me. I've been using it for years.

Detective: Do you have any idea who might have taken the bike?

Victim: I have no idea. I asked some of my neighbours if they had seen anything, but no one said they saw anything. So then I called my boss to say that I would be late and then I called you to report the theft. Ah this is so frustrating. I've never had anything like this happen to me before. It's just the worst timing, too. My boss understood but we have this big event coming up and I am responsible for the catering. Today I was supposed to meet with some chefs but I had no way to get there on time.

Detective: That is definitely upsetting. We will do our best to find your bike. Did you see anyone suspicious last night?

Victim: One thing I can't get out of my mind is that I noticed a woman hanging around the building yesterday evening. I've never seen her before but she was just kind of walking around and she kept looking at the bike rack. At the time I didn't think much about it but now that my bike has gone missing, I'm wondering if she was involved.

Detective: Can you describe this woman, please?

Victim: I didn't get a good look at her because I was just trying to get home and I was tired after work. But from what I remember, she was of average height and medium build. She was wearing a navy blue jumper and grey pants. She also was wearing a yellow beanie. Maybe that's why she stole my yellow bike... she also likes yellow... She had long dark hair coming out from under the beanie.

Detective: OK. Thank you. We'll be in touch after our investigations.

Detective: Please state your name.

Suspect: My name is Rachel Myers.

Detective: Do you know why we brought you in today?

Suspect: The officers told me that a bicycle was stolen and they think I did it. But I didn't, I already have a bicycle, so why would I steal one?

Detective: We are just hoping to get a bit more information to find out what exactly happened last night. So, can you tell us what you were doing last night?

Suspect: Last night, I went to my friend's house and we played video games until late. My friend had gotten a new game and he wanted to try it out. We played for quite a while because it was a pretty difficult game and we just lost track of time. I didn't go home until after midnight.

Detective: What time did you arrive at your friend's house?

Suspect: Umm well, I had dinner at home around six because mum had made a roast- I will not miss a roast dinner! Then I went for a walk around the neighbourhood because I was so full. So I guess it was around 8:30 or 9 pm.

Detective: Did you go for a walk with anyone? Or did you talk to anyone during your walk?

Suspect: No... My mum and dad didn't want to go and were relaxing after dinner and I didn't mind going by myself because I like having time to think. I didn't talk to anyone but I did wave at a lady I often see in the neighbourhood. She was watering her plants as I walked past.

Detective: Are you familiar with the East side apartments?

Suspect: My friend lives just a few doors down from those apartments. I walk past them a few times a week when I visit my friend's house, so I did walk past yesterday. But I just walked past them as I was going to my friend's house. I didn't stop or anything. I don't know why you think I've taken this bike. I've never done anything bad, not even at school.

Detective: OK. I think that is all our questions for now. We will be in touch later if anything else comes up. Just while this investigation is open, please don't leave the city. Do you understand?

Suspect: I understand.