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Employees tied up, store robbed

Police put Lee Havens Fine Jewelry loss at several hundred thousand dollars.

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Just outside Lee Havens Fine Jewelry, shoppers strolled by and cars jockeyed for parking, but no one during the Sunday lunch hour noticed the bound shop employees inside or the man who had robbed them of several hundred thousand dollars in jewels.

Neither Havens nor Joann Maguire, the other victim, was injured during the bold daytime robbery, and they managed to free themselves and call police 30 minutes after the assailant left.

"We're lucky," Maguire said.

As of 5 p.m. Sunday, police had not arrested a suspect.

The victims described the lone assailant a white man with olive-colored skin, brown hair and no discern-

ible accent. He is between 30 and 40 years old and about 185 pounds, according to the Palm Beach Police Department.

Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter said the crime was likely a product of tough economic times.

"These kind of things happen around the country, but it's rare for us here to have anything like this," Reiter said.

The robber entered the shop at 235C Worth Ave. about 12:30 p.m. and told Havens and Maguire he was going to rob the store, according to police reports.

The man threatened to use a gun, but he did not display one, Reiter said.

After restraining the victims and taking some jewelry, the robber left through the back of the shop, according to a police news release.

"It's going to be a substantial loss — several hundred thousand dollars (but) probably not in the millions," Reiter said.

Seeing yellow crime scene tape

draped around the store front, shoppers, merchants and pedestrians walking their dogs all paused on the sidewalk to watch as police detectives inside interviewed Havens and Maguire.

The shops on either side of the Lee Havens Fine Jewelry were closed Sunday, but neighboring merchants said they did not hear or see anything out of the ordinary until police cars and Palm Beach Fire-Rescue ambulances arrived.

Three doors east of the shop, Brooks Brothers employees were assisting customers. Brooks Brothers sales associates Pamela Trent and Ellen Lemoine have worked on Worth Avenue for seven and 13 years, respectively, and neither could recall a similar daytime incident.

"It's very safe, usually," Lemoine said. "We walk out in the dark here."

"Unfortunately, with the economic times we have, people are getting desperate," Trent added. "It's sad. You

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Daily News Photo by Jeffrey Langlois

A Palm Beach Police Department officer holds the door for a detective Sunday at Lee Havens Fine Jewelry after a robber, threatening to use a weapon, tied up two employees and stole several pieces of jewelry. As of Sunday afternoon, police had not arrested a suspect.

Patagones rallies past Lucchese

By **ALEX WEBBE**

Special to the Daily News

WELLINGTON — Superstar Carlos Gracida led all scoring with 10 goals to lead Patagones to a come-from-behind 14-13 win over Lucchese in Saturday's Joe Barry Memorial Cup match.

Making its high-goal debut at the International Polo Club this season, Lucchese rolled in with top talent of its own, but could not stop a last-chukker rally by Gracida and company.

"It was the horse," said Gracida, whose 6-year-old mare Legend helped him score three goals in the final chukker. "With her, I could do anything."

Lucchese, however, took the opening lead of the game on the strength of two goals from Shane Rice and a penalty goal from Mike Azzaro. Gracida kept Patagones from being blanked in the first chukker with a single goal from the field.

Lucchese's Mike Azzaro showed why he carried a 10-goal handicap for 13 years in the second period, when he demonstrated impressive stick work while scoring two goals — but Gracida countered with two more goals of his own. Lucchese left the field with a 5-3 advantage.

Gracida converted a penalty shot for the first goal of the third chukker, followed by a goal from nephew Julio Gracida, which tied the game at 6. Carlos Gracida notched a fifth goal to give Patagones its first lead, 7-6, but Lucchese stormed back.

Andres Weisz scored from the field to tie the game, then added a go-ahead goal on a penalty shot to end the first half with a 7-6 Lucchese advantage.

Azzaro led a Lucchese charge onto the field to open

the fourth chukker. He converted a penalty shot for a goal, then moments later carried the ball through opposing players for his second goal of the chukker and a 9-6 lead.

Carlos Gracida added another goal for Patagones but Azzaro scored again, keeping Lucchese on top, 10-7.

Azzaro opened the fifth period with a well-placed shot through the goal posts for a comfortable 11-7 lead, but Patagones wasn't nearly done. Consecutive goals from Carlos Gracida, Julio Gracida and Carlos Avendano went unanswered, and the chukker ended with Patagones trailing Lucchese, 11-10.

Lucchese returned in the final chukker with a vengeance. Andres Weisz and Shane Rice both scored, for a 13-10 Lucchese lead, but the chukker ultimately belonged to Patagones — or more accurately to Carlos Gracida.

Carrying the ball from one end of the field to the other he scored three unanswered goals to tie the score at 13. Following another drive toward the Lucchese goal, Patagones was awarded a penalty shot.

Carlos Gracida's shot was low enough for an extended mallet from Weisz to deflect the ball, but an alert Avendano also got a stick on the ball and sent it through the goal posts.

Lucchese tried valiantly to stage a last-minute rally, but time expired with Patagones leading 14-13.

Carlos Gracida led all scoring with 10 goals. Teammates Julio Gracida and Avendano added two goals apiece.

Mike Azzaro led the Lucchese attack with seven goals. Andres Weisz and Shane Rice each scored three goals.

'It never bothered me to work alone here on Sundays. Now I don't know.'

BEVERLY ROSENBERG

At Erwin Pearl



Daily News Photo by Megan V. Winslow

Erwin Pearl employee Beverly Rosenberg, center, tells a passerby about the robbery at Lee Havens Fine Jewelry on Sunday as a Palm Beach Police officer stands guard outside the Worth Avenue shop.

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Incident shocks nearby shop worker

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don't know what to expect."

Two doors west of the jewelry shop, Beverly Rosenberg at Erwin Pearl was assisting a pair of customers.

When told about the incident, Rosenberg also said she

was shocked.

"It never bothered me to work alone here on Sundays," Rosenberg said. "Now I don't know."

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