

then released.

In Sullivan's video, as the men are leaving, a Lowe's security guard repeatedly asks them to show her their receipt.

When a second security guard attempts to intervene as the men leave the store, the first guard stops the second and says, "Hey don't do this. It's not worth it."

Lowe's did not respond to questions about their policy on employees stopping shoplifters.

"I think these guys have done it before because they seemed to have a good system. One guy with the car and two guys

with the carts. They knew no one was going to touch them," said Sullivan.

Copeland said employees at larger companies such as Lowe's usually aren't allowed to physically stop shoplifters.

According to Copeland, the police department didn't receive a call from Lowe's to report the crime until the next afternoon. While many on Facebook questioned if Keizer Police would even do anything, Copeland said the police first need a victim to investigate a crime.

"In order for us to arrest someone, we have to have a victim. If Lowe's chooses not

to report it, we can't do anything," Copeland said.



One man loads the stolen wire into a car. This yellow pool alone costs over \$400.

Video Still courtesy Andrew Sullivan

Lowe's eventually called the following day and there is now an active investigation.

Copeland said that Sullivan did the right thing by not physically confronting the thieves and that his video has helped police identify tattoos on the suspects and registration tags on their car.

According to Keizer Police Lieutenant Trevor Wenning, the department has not identified the suspects at this time.

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