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Robbery suspect beaten

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He should have just put it back.

A man who allegedly stole something from a Chinatown shop yesterday was bound, beaten and stuffed in a van in the moments before police arrived yesterday afternoon.

Arrested were the shop owner, manager and a clerk, accused of going after the man for stealing.

The drama unfolded just before 1:30 p.m. when the victim, 51, entered a Dundas St. W. and Spadina Ave. area store, having apparently snatched something from the same store earlier in the day, Toronto police said last night.

The shop owner began yelling at him before the victim took off on foot with the manager and a clerk also on his tail.

The clerk hopped in a van before the manager and owner caught up with the victim on Grange Ave., police said.

That's where the man was punched, kicked, tied up with twine and stuffed in the waiting van.

Police arrived just as the van was being driven away.

The names and ages of the accused were withheld as police continued their investigation.

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