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Woman robbed at gunpoint

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A woman suffered a laceration to the head after attempting to fight off an armed purse-snatcher Monday night, police said.

The 34-year-old victim was walking home in the 400 block of Dell Avenue at about 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 when she heard someone behind her coming up fast, said Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. She started to run away, but the man called out to her to stop so she did, thinking that she may have been fleeing irrationally, Wylie said. That did not turn out to be the case.

The man produced a gun and demanded her purse, so she began running again. He overtook her and pushed her to the ground, and grabbed her purse, Wylie said. She held on, but the man hit her in the back of the head, took off with the purse.

The victim ran home and phoned police, who arrived on the scene with paramedics and treated her for her laceration and abrasions. She declined transport to the hospital, Wylie said.

The victim described her assailant as a young black male, between 20 and 25, wearing all black pants, sweatshirt and hat.

Wylie said the police department always advises victims of armed robbery to comply with robbers' demands. "It's not worth fighting," Wylie said. "You risk being hurt or killed."

Police are looking for more witnesses and say tips may be made anonymously to 650-903-6344.

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