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MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN PARKING LOT ROBBERY

The man accused of robbing an elderly woman who had just turned in a winning lottery ticket and was on her way home with her cash prize has pleaded guilty in connection with the case today.

Leonard Bedon (dob: 12-09-76) pleaded guilty to robbery (F4) in Denver District Court earlier today. In exchange for his guilty plea, two other counts, *robbery of an at-risk adult* (F3) and *theft from an at-risk adult* (F5), were dismissed.

On September 17, 2009 at about 10:45 a.m. a 75-year-old woman was walking to her car in a grocery store parking lot when a man jumped out of a truck, grabbed her purse, and drove away. The woman had just turned in a winning lottery ticket. Bedon had been in line behind her in the store and knew she had turned in the ticket for cash. A witness was able to get a license plate number that led to Bedon's arrest.

Bedon remains in custody in the Denver County Jail and faces up to at least 6 years in prison when he is sentenced on April 5, 2010.

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