# [***CHAMPAGNE THIEF LIKES THE GOOD STUFF***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47KV-PD40-0094-34GM-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Madison police are looking for a man with a taste for expensive champagne.

Madison Police Officer David Dexheimer said the man entered the Bottle Stop liquor store, 2734 E. Washington Ave., about 6:10 p.m. on New Year's Eve and asked a clerk about the champagne selection.

A shorter version of the story appeared in the second edition on page B3. The headline was: Champagne thief likes the pricey stuffAfter the clerk pulled down two $140 bottles of Perrier Jouet, the man made a call on his ***cell phone***, apparently to decide whether to buy them.

But when the clerk had his back turned, Dexheimer said, the man grabbed the bottles and ran out the door. One of the bottles smashed on the pavement. With store clerks tailing him, the man gave up trying to jump into a car parked on Pawling Street and fled on foot.

The car was later found to have been stolen, Dexheimer said.

About 15 minutes later, one of the clerks, still on the hunt, found the man crouched in some bushes, but couldn't catch him. The man also tried but was unable to jump into another car, apparently driven by a friend, as it passed on Kedzie Street, Dexheimer said.

Police are still looking for the man. The second bottle of pricey wine, however, is back at the store after it was found unharmed in a yard.

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