Jobs mourners see burglary at Ark. Apple store

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An Arkansas couple who went to an Apple store to lay down flowers for Steve Jobs spotted the tail end of a burglary instead of a makeshift memorial.

Robert Blake and his girlfriend, Amy Parker, told The Associated Press that when they showed up at the suburban Little Rock store Wednesday night, they didn't initially realize what they were witnessing.

Blake said he thought a man running away from the store was just a fellow mourner. Then, he watched the man hop in a getaway car with another man and speed off.

Parker said she thought she could see other flowers left in honor of the man who founded and ran Apple Inc. But she soon realized she was looking at broken glass.

So, Parker pulled out her iPhone and dialed 911.

Police say the two suspects made off with more than two dozen iPhones, plus iPads and laptops on Wednesday. Authorities had not made any arrests by Thursday evening.

Snapshots taken from surveillance tapes show a maroon car driving off from the store.

Parker and Blake said they own everything the suspects stole — plus iPods and an Apple TV.

"We both not only use the products every day," she said, "but both of our jobs are influenced every day by what he's done, too."

Parker edits video for an education company and Blake is a web developer.

After the couple talked with police, they left a bouquet of white lilies at the store.

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