

Sparkleberry Lane

2009 Darwin Award Nominee - Confirmed True by Darwin

Two disguised men entered a Sprint store on Sparkleberry Lane, pulled out guns, and stole wallets, purses, and credit cards from employees before ordering them into a bathroom. Both men fled, but they could not flee from their own stupidity. 23-year-old James had disguised himself by painting his face gold. Yes, in order to conceal his identity during the robbery, James had covered his skin with spray paint. If this isn't a Darwin Award, what is?



Paints are clearly labelled, do not get on skin, do not get in eyes, do not inhale. Paint fumes are well-known to be toxic, and the metallic colours are particularly noxious.

James began having trouble breathing (surprise!) and died wheezing shortly after the robbery took place.

To add insult to injury, the disguise was ineffective. Witnesses were certain as to the identity of their assailant. Had he lived, James, like his surviving accomplice, would have been charged with armed robbery.

Words:

disguise	=	förklädd	Inhale	=	andas in	wheezing	=	väsande andning
flee, fled, fled	=	fly, flydde, flytt	fumes	=	gaser	certain	=	säker, förvissad
conceal	=	dölja	toxic	=	giftig, giftiga	assailant	=	angripare
covered	=	täckt	particularly	=	speciellt, särskilt	accomplice	=	medbrottsling
labelled	=	märkt	noxious	=	skadlig, skadliga			