

# "Three historical human skulls stolen from Tucson Mineral and Gem World"

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Three historical human skulls were stolen last Friday at about 6:30 pm. from Tucson Gem and Mineral World in Tucson Arizona. There were two men, one of which entered our store's front door and he knew where the electric eye for the door buzzer was and he ducked under it. Once in, he went directly behind the display case, unlatched it, gathered up the three skulls and sped out ignoring the light beam buzzer. It took all of eighteen seconds. The perps knew exactly what they were doing and no doubt had cased the store and museum previously. How they knew we were open late on that particular day is an enigma so far. We have this all on film. We saw the perps escape in a late 90s early 2000 faded red compact car. All of the skulls have incredible historical value, and are one of a kind in the entire world. Incredibly detailed replicas of two of them made by Bone Clones are on display around the world and even in Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum in New York City's Times Square. Tucson Gem and Mineral World is offering a \$2,000 reward for their recovery and or capture of the two thieves.

The skulls:

*1: Roman Gladiator. This one was found in a Roman Gladiator cemetery outside the famed Coliseum in Rome, and important because he was a giant brute, probably Germanic. It shows a lot of healed head trauma likely from practicing his arena skills.*



*2: Spanish Conquistador skull killed in 1541 during the "Pueblo Revolt" in New Mexico. It was found in Tierra Amirilla, northern New Mexico. This is an amazing historical specimen as it still has a cast iron Spanish Naval Bording ax embedded in the back of his skull.*



*3: A Mexican Soldier's skull showing an entry and exit bullet hole. He was killed during the battle of the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas in Texas' fight against Mexico for independence. (no photo available yet)*

The skulls have been displayed at Tucson Gem and Mineral World in exactly the same space for over half a century, and people come from around the world to see them, often having their pictures taken with them. We are devastated by this loss.

The case is being investigated by the Pima County Sheriff's Department Report #160423185. Phone #(toll free) 888 477-2328. Please call the Sheriff's department if anyone offers these items for sale to you, or you see them for sale.