

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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GLADYS VLEDDER,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v

MEIJER, INC.,

Defendant-Appellee.

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UNPUBLISHED

February 11, 1997

No. 188948

LC No. 94-031900-NO

Before: Wahls, P.J., and Young and J.H. Fisher,\* JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Plaintiff appeals as of right from the trial court's order granting summary disposition to defendant and dismissing her suit for damages resulting from injuries sustained during a "purse snatching" in the parking lot of one of defendant's stores. We affirm.

Plaintiff first argues that summary disposition was improper because a jury question existed regarding defendant's alleged negligence in failing to monitor its surveillance cameras, install a higher perimeter fence, warn plaintiff of the danger of crime in the parking lot, perform better parking lot inspections, and escort patrons to their vehicles. We disagree. A merchant is ordinarily not responsible for the criminal acts of third persons, even where the merchant voluntarily undertakes safety measures that are less effective than they could or should have been. *Scott v Harper Recreation, Inc*, 444 Mich 441, 451-452; 506 NW2d 857 (1993); *Williams v Cunningham Drug Stores, Inc*, 429 Mich 495, 501-504; 418 NW2d 381 (1988); *Mason v Royal Dequindre, Inc*, 209 Mich App 514, 516-517; 531 NW2d 797 (1995); *Abner v Oakland Mall Ltd*, 209 Mich App 490, 492-493; 531 NW2d 726 (1995); *Stanley v Town Square Cooperative*, 203 Mich App 143, 150-151; 512 NW2d 51 (1993); *Read v Meijer, Inc*, 178 Mich App 624, 626-627; 444 NW2d 151 (1989); *Tame v A L Damman Co*, 177 Mich App 453, 456-459; 442 NW2d 679 (1989). Nothing in the case at bar persuades us to deviate from the consistent holdings of our Supreme Court and this Court to affirm "the dismissal of claims against business proprietors for injuries sustained by invitees from acts committed by third-party criminal actors." *Read, supra*, p 626.

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

We have reviewed plaintiff's remaining allegations of error and find them to be unpersuasive.

Affirmed.

/s/ Myron H. Wahls

/s/ Robert P. Young, Jr.

/s/ James H. Fisher