Thieves use 4X4 in ram raid on Paris Chanel store

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Thieves used a 4X4 early Thursday morning to ram their way through the security grill of a Chanel store in central Paris in the latest brazen robbery on a luxury store in the French capital.

Local press said thieves made off with handbags worth several thousand euros (dollars), leaving the 4x4 burning outside the store in the Avenue Montaigne, one of the swankiest shopping streets in the world.

There has been a series of high-profile robberies on luxury stores in central Paris in recent years often targeting prestigious jewelry or watch boutiques at some of Paris' most exclusive addresses.