

# ROBBERY REPORT



Around 18:30 on March 21, 1973, four robbers entered the jewellery store on Via del Corso. All perpetrators were armed and masked.

The owner attempted to activate the anti-theft alarm, but the investigation determined that the electrical system had been rigged, and no alert was issued to the police station.

“Robber 2”, as identified by the cashier, disarmed the security guard, and proceeded to hand the gun over to “Robber 4”.

“Robber 3” broke into the vault by detonating a small explosive charge. A forensic report confirms that the device was homemade but of refined make, requiring specialised education to build.

After the controlled explosion, “Robber 3” gathered the stored merchandise with the aid of “Robber 1”. The vault contained a large quantity of unmounted gemstones, mostly rubies, with an estimated market value upwards of fifty million Italian lire (LIT 50.000.000).

After a signal from “Robber 4”, “Robber 2” exited the jewellery store.

The safety guard got hold of a firearm under as-of-yet-unclear circumstances. A gunfight followed, leading to the death of both “Robber 4” and the safety guard.

“Robbers 1 and 3” ran away on foot with the stolen goods.

“Robber 4” has been identified as convicted criminal Zeno Zumpano.

Suspected “Robber 1”: Claudio Colafigli. Suspect in four past robberies, acquitted for lack of evidence. Certified electrician. Suspected security systems expert in criminal gang known as “Batteria Zumpano”. Apprehended in his apartment, located on Via del Quadraro.

Suspected “Robber 2”: Angelo Abbattino. Juvenile offenses: assault and battery, pickpocketing, drug dealing. No previous robbery charges. Suspected getaway driver for criminal gang known as “Batteria Zumpano”. Apprehended at Fiumicino International Airport.

Suspected “Robber 3”: Bruno Bernacchia. Suspect in four past robberies, acquitted for lack of evidence. Dropped out of Chemistry degree at La Sapienza University. Suspected explosives expert in criminal gang known as “Batteria Zumpano”. Apprehended at a bar, “Da Franco”, located on Via Silvana.

No hard evidence places suspects on the scene, but modus operandi is consistent with four previous jewellery store robberies. Outside accomplices cannot be ruled out. One other previously-convicted criminal, Enrico Etro, is a suspected member of “Batteria Zumpano”.