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Bloggers look to the unusual suspects in jewelry heist

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ATTLEBORO - News of the city's big jewelry heist has gone global.

The theft of up to $2 million in gold, diamonds and jewelry - including New York Giants Super Bowl rings - was the top story on the home pages of the New York Post and Yahoo! Web sites Wednesday morning.

It was referred to as "The Attleboro Job" by Yahoo! sports blogger Matthew J. Darnell.

The weekend burglary of the E.A. Dion plant left plenty of opportunity for breezy speculation about potential suspects

"Maybe there's a group of locals who really wanted those Super Bowl XLII rings, got very close to getting them, and then came up short," Darnell wrote. "I can't think of anyone specifically who would fit those roles, but maybe police can." In reply to Darnell's posting, online user "DolphinsIn09" wrote: "I am not sure if it was the Patriots who did it, or not. I did hear, however, that when the FBI was investigating the surveillance tape, that half way through, it switched over to a Rams Practice."

The original story was first posted on The Sun Chronicle's Web site Tuesday afternoon, and was printed in Wednesday's paper.

It became an Internet headline within hours at the Winnipeg Sun in Canada, IDEX Online in Israel, Fox News, the New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Herald, Baltimore Sun, Newsday, Associated Press and other news outlets.

"Given the theft of Giants rings, the New England location of the heist and the outcome of the last Super Bowl, we suggest checking the Patriots for alibis," wrote Reid Cherner and Tom Weir in a USAToday.com blog.

"Also keep an eye on George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Brad Pitt," Yahoo! online user "Brad" wrote in reference to the "Ocean's Eleven" movie franchise.

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