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A screenshot from the video shows the woman falling to the ground after her bag was snatched. — Picture from Facebook

PETALING JAYA — Police have arrested two men for suspected snatch theft in Kota Baru, Kelantan, on Sunday after video footage of their crime went viral.

The men were believed to have preyed on a 72-year-old woman who was walking on a street, with one of them grabbing her handbag and causing her to fall and hit her head on the ground. His accomplice was the driver of their escape car.

Police sources said authorities were alerted to the incident by the public after the woman was spotted lying on the ground at about 12.15pm on Sunday at Taman Limau Manis in Kota Baru.

"We tracked down the two suspects, aged 27 and 33, to a house in Jalan Bayam, Kota Baru, after conducting a

check on the vehicle's number plates," one of the sources said.

"The older suspect confessed to the crime during interrogation while the second suspect confessed to driving the vehicle."

The source said police recovered the victim's handbag and identity card. However, they did not find the RM200 that was in her handbag.

The woman suffered minor injuries to the left side of her head and was taken to Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II for treatment.

Initial investigation showed the vehicle was registered to a 59-year-old man who is related to one of the suspects.

The 33-year-old suspect has two convictions for drug offences. The duo

also tested positive for meth following their arrest.

Kota Baru police chief Assistant Commissioner Ismail Mat Sidik confirmed the incident.

In the video clip, two men can be seen waiting near a black car while the woman walks past them carrying bags in both hands.

Seconds later, one of the men charges at the woman who is unlocking her vehicle parked in front of theirs, and snatches her handbag from her with force, causing her to fall.

The woman lies on the ground and does not get help even though there are motorists passing by. She is later seen waving an arm in the air before falling into a drain by the side of the road.