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# Thief steals Special Olympics gold medals

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HAMILTON (CP) — A young woman who won three gold medals at last month's Special Olympics is broken-hearted and angry today after a thief broke into her home and stole the medals.

The robber also stole a good-luck anklet given to Alanna Henwood by her swimming coach and a commemorative U.S. silver dollar.

The 19-year-old international champion broke her own Canadian records earlier this

month at the 1995 Special Olympics World Games in New Haven, Conn., winning gold medals for the 50-metre freestyle, 50-metre backstroke and 100-metre backstroke.

On Friday, they were stolen.

Henwood's mother, Delores, could still smell the lingering smoke of the thief's cigarette when she returned home.

"It breaks my heart that someone could be that cruel," she said.