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An armed robber wearing a fedora hat, fake moustache and sunglasses stole \$32,000 in chips from a Las Vegas

casino earlier today.

The man, who has not been caught, walked into the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino just west of the Las Vegas Strip at 4.45am and grabbed the chips from a table.

It was when the dealer slapped his hand away that he pulled out the gun.



Scene of the crime: The robbery took place at Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas where a man in disguise escaped with \$32,000 worth of chips

No one was hurt during the robbery but the gunman is still at large after escaping in a taxi.

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A source at the casino said the disguised robber made off with about \$21,000 in \$1,000 chips. The rest were worth \$500, \$100 and \$25 each.

The Rio is owned by Caesar's Entertainment, the world's largest gambling company by revenue, and is home to the annual World Series of Poker.

The robbery comes two months after \$1.5 million in chips was stolen during an early-morning stickup at the nearby Bellagio hotel-casino.



Theft: The robber walked up to the table and grabbed the chips before pointing a gun at the dealer and escaping in a taxi

Anthony Carleo, 29, was arrested earlier this month and charges against him include armed robbery and assault. His nail was set at \$1million on Wednesday.

Carleo allegedly parked his motorcycle outside, walked in wearing a helmet, robbed a craps, ran out and rode away.

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Most of the chips stolen were worth \$25,000 each, a denomination which is unusual in most casinos.

Chips worth \$1,000 each or less are far more common in Sin City casinos, making them far tougher to track individually.

Carleo was arrested on February 3 at the resort after he was allegedly making a transaction to sell the pink \$25,000 chips to the undercover police officer.

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