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## SDPD & FBI ANNOUNCE ARREST OF "RASTA BANDIT"

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department, in cooperation with the San Diego Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announce the arrest of an individual wanted in connection with several bank robberies in the San Diego area.

The suspect was arrested Saturday afternoon (March 31, 2007) and is believed responsible for multiple armed robberies dating back to August of 2006. The robberies occurred throughout the San Diego region. The suspect, armed with a large handgun, used a variety of disguises to conceal his identity. As of today, this particular suspect has been positively identified by witnesses in five bank robberies in San Diego and one bank robbery in Lemon Grove.

The suspect is Vincent Wayne Harper, 44. His photograph is not being released at this time pending additional identification in other related cases. Release of his photograph at this time may hinder the ongoing investigation.

Once the investigations are complete, a news release will be distributed listing the outcome of this robbery series investigation.

If anyone has additional information on this case, please call the Crime Stoppers anonymous, toll-free tip line at (888) 580-TIPS.

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