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POLICE INVESTIGATE ROBBERY SERIES

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Robbery detectives are investigating a series of armed robberies at fast food restaurants and cell phone businesses. The cases began in July and the most recent occurred on February 1, 2008. There are eight cases which have occurred in various parts of the city.

The suspects enter the business shortly after it opens, when there are no customers inside. One of the suspects is usually armed with a semi-automatic handgun. The suspects force the employees into the rear office area and demand that the safe be opened. In some cases the suspects escort an employee to the front area where they demand the employee open the cash register. The suspects then remove cash from the register while another suspect watches the remaining employees in the office area. The suspects instruct the employees to kneel or lie face down and the suspects use zip ties to bind the employees' hands. The suspects then walk out of the business.

The suspects are described as follows: Hispanic male, 20-26 years of age, 5'6" – 5'7" and 150 – 170 lbs, normal build, baseball hat or hooded sweatshirt with the hood up; Hispanic male, 25 – 30 years of age, 5'8" – 6' and 200 lbs, fat, baseball hat or hooded sweatshirt; Hispanic female, 24 – 26 years of age, normal build with shaved eyebrows penciled in.

Anyone with information about these cases is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2200 or Crime Stoppers at anonymous, toll-free tip line at (888) 580-TIPS. By calling Crime Stoppers you may earn a reward of up to $1000 for information that leads to an arrest.

A CD-Rom with photos and video is available at the SDPD headquarters front counter.

The locations of these robberies are as follows: Pick Up Stix – 3700 Murphy Canyon Road; Pick Up Stix – 12000 Carmel Mountain Road; Holiday Market – 3200 Thorn Street; Tran Wireless – 4200 El Cajon Blvd.; Cell U Page – 8100 Mira Mesa Blvd.; Subway Sandwich – 10400 Tierrasanta Blvd.; Pick Up Stix – 10700 Westview Parkway; Pick Up Stix – 4900 Clairemont Drive.

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