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POLICE INVESTIGATE A STREET ROBBERY IN THE SHELLTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Southeastern Division detectives are investigating a violent street robbery that occurred on March 19, 2009.

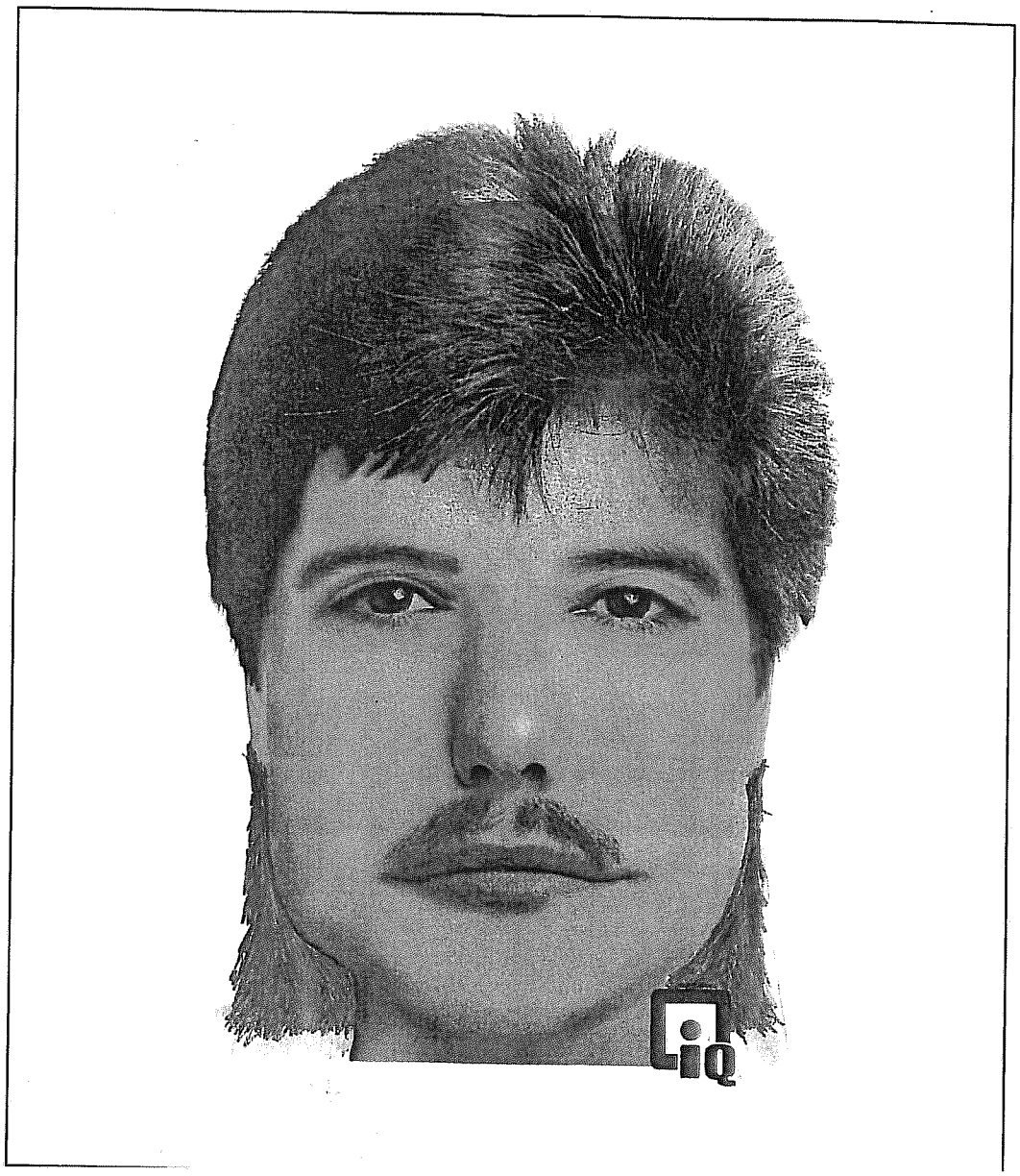
At about 10:45 p.m. officers responded to a report of a victim of a robbery in the 4200 block of Eta Street. The victim and a Hispanic male were on the bus when he approached her and engaged her in conversation. The suspect told the victim he worked at a surf shop in Pacific Beach. The victim became uncomfortable when the suspect began describing the apartment complex where she lives.

The victim moved away from the suspect and got off the bus at the Highland/Eta Street stop. The suspect followed her off the bus and approached her as she walked away from the bus stop. He claimed to be armed with a gun and demanded money from the victim. The victim said she had no money and the suspect threatened to shoot her.

The suspect pulled something from under his shirt and proceeded to beat the victim on the head and face with the object. As the victim fell to the ground, the suspect continued his violent attack. He grabbed the victim by the hair and slammed her head and face into the concrete pavement several times and also punched her several times. The suspect took the victim's house keys before leaving her bloody and injured on the street.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male about 5'8", 180, with brown eyes and brown hair. He was wearing a yellow shirt and white shorts with blue flowers. The victim described him as having a surfer style haircut. A composite sketch of the suspect can be found on page two of this news release.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Southeastern Division at (619) 527-3500 or Crime Stoppers anonymous, toll free tip line at (888) 580-8477. Anonymous text and email messages can also be sent via www.sdcrimestoppers.com.



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