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ROBBERY SUSPECTS SOUGHT (Caught on Video)

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives are investigating a commercial robbery in the College area in which a male suspect fired a shot at a store employee.

On November 8, 2006, at about 8:18 p.m. two suspects entered the Target store at 3390 College Avenue. The suspects took a large duffel bag from the Sporting Goods section and proceeded to shoplift high end electronics equipment. The stolen items were placed in the duffel bag. One suspect then walked out the store's front door apparently to check for Loss Prevention or police officers in the area. Upon confirming the area was clear, the suspect walked back into the store through the front door. This suspect met up with the other suspect near the front doors. Store security had been made aware of the theft activity and moved towards the front to confront the suspects. As the Loss Prevention Officer asked the suspect carrying the duffel bag for a receipt, the suspect turned and fired a round from a handgun at him. The round lodged in the floor near where the Loss Prevention Officer was standing. Both suspects then ran out of the store. Both suspects were armed with handguns and are believed to be involved in other shoplifting cases.

Suspect #1 (who fired the shot) is described as a Hispanic male in his 20's, with a medium build and medium weight. He was wearing a dark T-shirt, dark pants and a dark baseball cap.

Suspect #2 is described as a white or Hispanic male in his 20's, with short hair, medium build and medium weight. He was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

Both suspects were caught on very clear store video which is available at the front counter at SDPD headquarters, 1401 Broadway St., San Diego.

Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of these suspects is asked to call San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous toll-free tip line at (888) 580-TIPS.** Crime Stoppers offers up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of these suspects.