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SDPD ASKING FOR HELP IN LOCATING ROBBERY SUSPECTS

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit, in conjunction with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, are investigating a series of credit union and bank robberies that have occurred in the city and in outlying jurisdictions.

The series has been dubbed the "Boonie Hat Bandit Series." Four cases have occurred in the city of San Diego. Eight cases have occurred outside the city. The series began on July 21, 2006, with the most recent robbery in the city of San Diego on August 22, 2006. In each case the suspect calmly entered the financial institution and approached the teller counter. The suspect made verbal threats and/or presented a demand note to the teller. After being given the cash, the suspect calmly walked out.

Two suspects have been identified in the series. They are described as white males, late 30's to mid 40's, 5' 10" to 6' 3", 175-210 pounds. One suspect is described as having tattoos. Clothing has varied in each of the crimes; however one of the suspects usually wears knee length shorts and short sleeve shirts. In all cases the suspects wore floppy "boonie" style hats.

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Possible suspect vehicles used include: a black or maroon Saturn; a white Toyota 2 door compact with no plates; and an older black 2 door Toyota Celica with the plates covered with cardboard.

Still photographs (CD's) are available at the San Diego Police Department Headquarters front desk at 1401 Broadway Street. The front counter closes at 5:30 p.m. each day.

Anyone with information regarding this series is encouraged to call the Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-TIPS. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of the suspect. Collect calls are accepted and callers may remain anonymous.

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