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SECOND SUSPECT ARRESTED IN "FLOPPY HAT BANDIT" ROBBERY SERIES

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Sheriff's Office and Oceanside Police Department, today announced the arrest of a second suspect in the "Floppy Hat Bandit" robbery series.

This suspect is responsible for six robberies in the City of San Diego. The first robbery occurred on August 9, 2006 and the last San Diego robbery happened on September 25, 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. In all cases, the suspects wore "floppy" or baseball style hats.

Two suspects were identified in the series. James SAPUTO, age 42, was arrested on September 8, 2006, in Fontana. Daniel COURSON, age 33, was arrested yesterday in Oceanside.

A press conference will be held at San Diego Police Department Headquarters, 1401 Broadway, at 4:00 p.m.

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