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Burglary Suspect Caught on Tape Up to a \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers is joining forces with the San Diego Police Department to help identify and apprehend a burglary suspect who has committed at least 39 burglaries at grocery stores throughout the county of San Diego between September 02, 2007 and September 11, 2008.

In most cases an African-American male suspect follows older women while they grocery shop; usually in the frozen food section of grocery stores. The suspect reaches into women's open purses (in their shopping carts) and removes their wallets as the women get items from the freezer. After the suspect takes a wallet he immediately walks toward the exit while removing the cash from the stolen wallet. He then discards the wallet before leaving the stores.

The suspect is described as an African-American adult male wearing a black, yellow, or white dress shirt and dark slacks. He is about 6' tall and described as very thin.

A picture of the suspect is attached to page two of this release. You can also pick up a CD-Rom which includes video and still photos of the suspect at the front counter of San Diego Police headquarters, located at 1401 Broadway (until 5 p.m.).

Detectives are asking anyone with information on the identity and location of the suspect to call the **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 person responsible for this crime.

Media inquiries should be directed to Mónica Muñoz at (619) 531-2675. Questions about Crime Stoppers should be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at 619-531-1547 or Officer Jim Johnson at 619-531-1500.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.



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