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# The Bag Trick Bandit Wanted for Series of Armed Bank Robberies

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

#### January 23, 2017

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the FBI are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating an unknown suspect wanted for the following bank robberies in the city of San Diego.

- 1. December 21, 2016 Bank of America, 2341 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA
- 2. December 21, 2016 US Bank, 4195 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA
- 3. January 05, 2017 Wells Fargo Bank 7525 Clairemont Drive, San Diego, CA
- 4. January 08, 2017 US Bank, 3645 Midway Drive, San Diego, CA
- 5. January 22, 2017 US Bank, 2645 Midway Drive, San Diego, CA

The suspect, named the Bag Trick Bandit, is wanted in connection with five bank robberies in the city of San Diego. The robberies occurred between December 21, 2016 and January 22, 2017. The first two banks were stand-alone banks and the last three were banks that were located inside grocery stores.

During all of the robberies, the suspect wore dark colored hooded sweatshirts with either the hood pulled up or he wore a hat and sunglasses covering his face. In the second and third robberies, the suspect gestured with his hand as if he had a weapon. In the fourth and fifth robberies, the suspect displayed a semi-automatic handgun. On the robbery of the US Bank, that occurred on January 22, 2017, the suspect was scene casing the bank. He left the premises, put on a hooded sweatshirt, and returned to rob the bank. The suspect is believed to have fled the scene of the January 5<sup>,</sup> 2017 bank robbery in a newer model, white, Ford SUV, possibly an Explorer or Escape.

## Suspect's Description:

The suspect is described as a White male, approximately 30 years old, with a thin build, standing approximately 6'0" tall, with dirty blond hair. He also has a tattoo on the right side of his neck.

### \*\*\*Photos of the suspect can be found on page 2 of this release. \*\*\* He is considered to be armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect is asked to call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent via <u>www.sdcrimestoppers.org</u>.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to FBI Special Agent Davene Butler at (858) 320-8302, or email at <u>Davene.Butler@ic.fbi.gov</u>
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or email at <u>adriana.uribe@sdsheriff.org</u>

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