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Unknown Suspect Wanted for Robbery Up to a \$1,000 Reward Offered

February 22, 2017

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the Oceanside Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate an unknown male suspect wanted for robbery.

On January 23, 2017, at 6:40 p.m., an adult male victim parked his vehicle in the east parking lot of the Best Western located at 1680 Oceanside Boulevard, in Oceanside. The male got out of his vehicle holding a satchel in one hand and an envelope in the other hand. An unknown male suspect immediately approached the victim and told him that there was something wrong with his vehicle. The suspect then pushed the victim back into the victim's vehicle. The suspect grabbed the envelope from the victim and got into a white SUV being driven by another person and fled the scene. The envelope contained \$5,000 in cash.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 40-years-old, 5'6" tall, 160 lbs, unshaven, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants. The suspect got into the front passenger's seat of a white SUV. There is no description of the driver of that SUV.

Surveillance photos of the suspect are attached to page 2 of this release.

Anyone with information on this case should call the Oceanside Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit at (760) 435-4572 or 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 Oceanside Police Department's PIO Kathleen Vincent at (760) 435-4422 or email at kvincent@ci.oceanside.ca.us.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at <u>msherring@pd.sandiego.gov</u>.

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