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### *Police Make Two Arrests in the Friars Bandits Armed Robbery Series*

Since January 20, 2016, the San Diego Police Department's Robbery Unit has been investigating a series of armed commercial robberies targeting various businesses in San Diego. The suspects would enter the businesses armed with handguns and in some instances a machete as well. The suspects demanded money from the employees working the register and would flee the area before police arrived. This series was named the "Friars Bandits" due to the suspects wearing San Diego Padre Baseball caps during the robberies.

On March 8, 2016, Angel Oros (18) was arrested for one count of armed robbery. On March 9, 2016, Manuel Rodriguez (20) was arrested for multiple counts of armed robberies. Both suspects were booked into County Jail. The investigation is ongoing and these arrests have been presented to the San Diego District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

This series included the following cases:

- January 20, 2016    Subway, 2850 National Avenue
- January 22, 2016    Subway, 422 Market Street
- January 22, 2016    OD Market, 546 Sampson Street
- January 23, 2016    7-Eleven, 3792 4th Avenue
- February 27, 2016   Yum Yum Donuts, 6925 Linda Vista Road
- March 1, 2016       7-Eleven, 430 Spruce Street
- March 7, 2016       7-Eleven, 2101 Fern Street
- March 7, 2016       7-Eleven, 3792 4th Avenue

If you have any questions regarding this investigation, Lt. Todd Griffin will be available for interviews today at 12pm in front of Headquarters, 1401 Broadway. He can also be reached at (619) 533-5752 or email at WGriffin@pd.sandiego.gov. If you have any information regarding these crimes, we urge you to call the San Diego Police Department at 619-531-2000 or if you would like to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers 888-580-8477.

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