



Unidentified Suspect Sought in Theft; Surveillance Video Captures Suspect's Picture

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

June 18, 2010

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and detectives from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Vista station are asking for assistance from the public in identifying a suspect wanted for the theft of a computerized communication device used by a person who has cerebral palsy.

Detectives said that on June 17, 2010 at about 7:23 p.m., an unknown male suspect stole a black backpack belonging to a man that suffers from cerebral palsy and is severely physically disabled. The theft occurred at the Vista Transit Station, located at 101 Olive Ave in Vista. The backpack contained a computerized device that assists the victim in communicating via telephone. The device is valued at \$7,000 and allows the victim to live independently.

The suspect was seen on surveillance video walking his bike passed the backpack. He stopped, took a second look and continued walking only to return to take the backpack after leaving his bike near the Sprinter boarding area.

The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male with brown collar length hair, unshaven, with a light complexion and medium build. He is 35-40 years old, 5'06"-5'09" tall and weighs between 150-185 lbs. The suspect was wearing white painter's pants and a grey shirt.

Pictures of the suspect are attached to page 2 of this release.

Detectives are asking anyone with information on the identity and or location of the person responsible for this crime to call the SDSD Vista Station at (760) 940-4551 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. There is a reward of up to \$1,000 offered in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

- Questions about the case can be directed to Detective Mike Hamerschlag at (760) 940-4551.
- Questions about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500.

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