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SUSPECT SOUGHT IN RECENT GAS STATION ROBBERIES

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives are investigating a series of gas station robberies in Kearny Mesa, Grantville and University City that began earlier this week.

On March 10, 2012, at about 10:30 p.m., the suspect entered the AM/PM at 3700 Murphy Canyon Road, approached the clerk and asked to purchase a pack of cigarettes. While the clerk's back was turned, the suspect pulled a black handgun from his jacket pocket and demanded money. The clerk handed over cash from the register. The suspect walked out of the store in an unknown direction.

On March 11, 2012, at about 7:15 p.m., the clerk noticed the suspect pull the hood of his sweatshirt up over his head as he entered the Arco gas station located at 6400 Mission Gorge Road. The suspect wanted to buy a carton of cigarettes but the clerk told him they only sold cigarettes by the pack. The suspect then pointed a black handgun at the clerk and demanded money. The clerk complied and the suspect left the store with cash from the register. Later that night, at 10:00 p.m., the suspect entered the AM/PM located at 8800 Clairemont Mesa Blvd and began to commit the same robbery; however, he was interrupted by another customer. The suspect finished the robbery when the customer left.

On March 12, 2012, just before 10:30 p.m., the suspect entered the United Oil gas station at 3800 Governor Drive. He displayed a handgun and demanded cash from the clerk. The clerk handed over money and cigarettes and the suspect left the store on foot.

The suspect is described as a white male, in his 40's to 50's, 5'7" to 6'0" tall with a medium to heavy build. He wore a dark jacket or "hoody" with "Viejas" on the front, a dark or red baseball cap and jeans. The suspect has been described as having red hair and a full red beard in two cases, but he was also described as having reddish hair and beard that were peppered with gray. He was armed with a black handgun in each case.

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299.

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