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“STARVING BANDIT” ARRESTED FOR COMMERCIAL ROBBERY SERIES

San Diego, CA – San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives announce the arrest of Carlos Dudley (29) in connection with a series of commercial robberies that occurred between October 2011 and April 2012.

The robberies occurred primarily in the South Bay. The suspect generally targeted restaurants and fast food establishments in the late evening or early morning hours. He would enter a business with his hand concealed in a black plastic bag, simulating a weapon. The suspect would demand cash and give the victim a bag in which to place the money.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male with a light complexion, between 20 and 28 years of age. He was said to be very thin or “gaunt” in appearance, thus the name “Starving Bandit”.

On April 28, 2012, Dudley entered the International House of Pancakes located at 4200 Camino de la Plaza, a business he had robbed the previous month. Restaurant employees recognized Dudley and called the police. Dudley was arrested as he left the restaurant.

Dudley was booked into county jail on six counts of second degree robbery and five counts of attempt robbery. He is expected to be arraigned on May 15, 2012.

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