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“HOOD N HOSE BANDIT” ARRESTED FOR COMMERCIAL ROBBERY SERIES

San Diego, CA – San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives announce the arrest of Maurice Gibbs (45) in connection with a series of commercial robberies that occurred in the Mid-City Division neighborhoods of North Park, Colina del Sol, Normal Heights and University Heights in April and May 2012.

The suspect targeted a video store, a fast food establishment and gas stations in the late night and early morning hours. He would enter a business, walk directly to the service counter and display a handgun. He demanded money, which he took from the cash register. Witnesses were present during some of the robberies. The suspect walked away from each robbery.

The suspect was described as a black male with a “deep voice”. He was between 6’0” and 6’4” and weighed about 200 pounds. In all the cases, he wore a dark hooded sweatshirt with the hood up over his head and a nylon stocking covering his face. He was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun.

On May 17, 2012, Robbery Unit detectives were in the area of the robberies conducting a follow-up investigation. Detectives saw Gibbs and believed he was casing a fast food establishment prior to committing a robbery. Detectives attempted to contact Gibbs, but he fled from them. Officers caught Gibbs at 4200 Menlo Avenue, where they also located evidence linking Gibbs to the robberies.

Gibbs was booked into county jail on five counts of second degree robbery. He is expected to be arraigned on May 22, 2012.

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