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## San Diego Police Department

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### **ARMED SUSPECT WANTED FOR GAS STATION ROBBERIES**

**(San Diego)** San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives are investigating a pair of gas station robberies that occurred in the Clairemont area.

On June 30, 2012, at about 5:40 a.m., the suspect boldly entered the Thrifty Gas Station at 4200 Clairemont Mesa Blvd while pointing a handgun at the clerk. The suspect demanded that the clerk put all the money from the register into the suspect's black backpack. There were two customers in the store at the time of the robbery; the suspect forced them to lie on the floor while he committed the robbery. The suspect walked out of the store and went southbound in an unknown direction.

On July 7, 2012, just after 9:00 p.m., the suspect entered the Fast Fuel gas station located at 4500 Clairemont Mesa Blvd and walked into the enclosed cash register area. The suspect pointed a handgun at the clerk and demanded the money from the cash register. The clerk gave the suspect the money and he put it into his black backpack. The suspect then took a jar of change off the counter and began to leave the store when he saw someone walking through the parking lot. The suspect momentarily hid behind a display rack but quickly left the area headed eastbound on Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20-39 years of age, 5'9" to 6'0" tall with a medium build. He wore a dark hooded jacket, knit ski mask, dark jeans, white athletic shoes and gloves. He wore a small backpack and was armed with a black handgun in both cases.

The robberies were captured on surveillance video. Copies of the videos are available at the San Diego Police Department Headquarters Broadway customer service counter.

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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