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SUSPECT WANTED FOR DOWNTOWN HOTEL ROBBERIES

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives are investigating a pair of hotel robberies that occurred in the Core-Columbia neighborhood.

On January 5, 2013, just before 6:00 p.m., the suspect entered the Red Roof Inn located at 700 Ash Street and approached the front desk agent. The suspect had his right hand inside his jacket pocket, as though he was holding a weapon, and demanded that the clerk open the register and give him all the money inside. After the clerk opened the register, she stepped aside and the suspect went behind the counter and removed the cash from the drawer. The suspect walked away on Ash Street.

Two days later, the same suspect entered the Days Inn, located at 800 Ash Street, at about 8:30 p.m. The suspect ran inside, jumped over the registration desk and pushed the manager down. The suspect yelled at the manager and demanded money from the register. The suspect threatened that he had a knife and put his hand into his pocket, simulating a weapon. The suspect was able to open the register drawer and remove the cash from inside before running out of the lobby. The suspect was last seen southbound through the parking lot.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20-25 years of age, 5'11" to 6'2" tall with a thin build. He wore a jacket with the hood pulled up over his head, a dark beanie and black bandana covering the lower portion of his face in both cases. The suspect threatened that he had a weapon, but no weapon was seen in either incident.

The first robbery was captured on surveillance video. Copies of the video are available at the San Diego Police Department Headquarters Broadway customer service counter.

Anyone with information concerning these cases 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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