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SDPD and the FBI San Diego Field Office Arrest Suspect in Bank Robbery Series

San Diego – Police have arrested a suspect in connection to a series of take-over-style bank robberies. From May 23, 2019, through November 8, 2022, detectives linked at least four bank robberies as part of a series.

5/23/19 – San Diego County Credit Union at 1875 Center Drive in Escondido

11/27/19 – California Coast Credit Union at 9825 Mira Mesa Boulevard in San Diego

12/10/21 – California Bank at Trust at 8252 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard in San Diego

11/8/22 – California Bank and Trust at 2501 Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad

In each of these incidents, armed men entered and took over the bank, acted violently toward staff, and stole cash.

On May 1st, nearly four years after the first case, investigators obtained an arrest warrant for suspect Larry Lightning. On May 3rd, Lightning was arrested at a Moreno Valley home by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office (RSO) with the assistance of SWAT.

The San Diego Police Department thanks the RSO for their help. Anyone with information on these cases is asked to contact SDPD or Crime Stoppers.

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