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## **Commercial Armed Robbery Series**

## Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers along with investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Robbery Unit and Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating two unknown suspects wanted for commercial armed robberies in the City of San Diego and Spring Valley.

This series includes 3 separate cases; however investigators are looking at other cases countywide to see if they are related.

<u>Case # 1</u> On April 6, 2017, at 9:25 p.m., an unknown adult male suspect (S-1) walked into the Market at the Ranch gas station and liquor store located at 10299 Scripps Trail, in San Diego. The suspect was armed with a black and silver colored handgun in his right hand and demanded the clerk open the cash register. The clerk attempted to open the register but was having difficulty. The suspect was upset over the delay in opening the register and fired a round into the cigarette display case along the wall. The suspect then struck the clerk in the eye with the gun. The clerk was eventually able to open the register and placed an undisclosed amount of cash into a black plastic bag that the suspect brought with him.

The suspect then demanded the clerk open the safe. The clerk told the suspect he did not have the key to open the safe. The suspect fired another round off. The suspect again struck the clerk in the eye with the gun and also kicked the clerk. The suspect left the store and possibly got into a smaller silver colored SUV and fled the area. The clerk sustained minor injuries to his face.

S-1 is described as a Black male, 5'7" to 6'0" tall, 165 lbs, with a mustache. The suspect was wearing blue jeans, a black colored hooded sweatshirt and grey gloves.

S-1's Vehicle is possibly a smaller silver colored SUV.

Case # 2 On April 19, 2017, 2:55 a.m., an unknown adult male suspect (S-1) entered the 7 Eleven located at 9365 Jamacha Boulevard, in Spring Valley. S-1 was armed with a handgun and chambered a round as he approached the clerk. S-1 demanded money from the clerk as he struck the clerk in the face with the handgun. S-1 demanded the clerk place money inside a plastic bag and then struck the clerk a second time in the face with the handgun. S-1 struck the clerk in the face two more times with the handgun and fired a round into the ceiling during the robbery.

S-1 was described as a Light skinned Black male, wearing a red and black hooded sweater with a white deign (possibly a tag) on the upper back, and black pants.

<u>Case # 3</u> On April 20, 2017, at 9:00 p.m., two unknown suspects walk into the Apollo Market located at 2327 Reo Drive, in San Diego. S-1 was armed with a black and silver colored handgun. S-1 chambered a round in the gun and pointed it at both clerks while demanding they open the cash register. One of the two clerks ran towards the back of the store in fear of his life. The second suspect (S-2) walked into the store. S-1 walked behind the counter and attempted to open the cash register, but was unsuccessful. S-1 again pointed the gun at the clerk and demanded money. S-2 also demanded cash from the clerk. The clerk did not comply. Both suspects left the store without any money.

S-1 is described as a Black male in his 20's, medium to stalky build, wearing a dark blue hooded jacket with the hood drawn tight around his face, red rag or bandana on his face, black pants and black shoes.

S-2 is described as Black male, unknown age, about 5'6" tall, thin build, wearing a black hooded jacket with the hood drawn tight around his face, blue jeans with rips in them, and black over white tennis shoes.

\*\*\*Photos of the suspects can be found on page 3 of this release. A link to view a video of the robbery (Case # 1) can be found below. \*\*\*

## https://youtu.be/SzRpWGrT-RA

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect is asked to call the SDPD's Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent via <a href="https://www.sdcrimestoppers.org">www.sdcrimestoppers.org</a>.

- Media inquiries about Cases # 1 and 3 can be directed to SDPD Robbery Sgt Bill Albrektsen at (619) 531-2661 or email at walbrektsen@pd.sandiego.gov.
- Media inquiries about Case # 2 can be directed to Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station, Sgt Karla Menzies at (619) 660-7056 or email at <a href="mailto:karla.menzies@sdsheriff.org">karla.menzies@sdsheriff.org</a>.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at <a href="mailto:msherring@pd.sandiego.gov">msherring@pd.sandiego.gov</a>.

S-1 from Case # 1







S-1 from Case # 2







