



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Bank Robbery
VICTIM: Washington Mutual Bank
ADDRESS: 405 Blossom Hill Rd.

CASE NUMBER: 04-366-0323

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION: A white male adult, in his late 30's or early 40's, approximately 5'8" to 5'10", 190 to 200 lbs. with a stocky build. He was clean shaven. He was last seen wearing a blue NYPD beanie cap with the NYPD logo between the letters on the front of the beanie. He was also wearing light colored blue jeans and black shoes. He has a tattoo on one or both sides of his neck and on the back of his hands. (Photo available)

DETAILS:

On 12-31-04 at about 11:24AM, a bank robbery occurred at the Washington Mutual Bank, 405 Blossom Hill Rd. The suspect entered that bank and stood in line with customers. He then approached a teller and brandished a handgun and demanded money. He told the teller to "hurry up" and then reached over the counter and grabbed some money out of the drawer. The suspect fled out of the rear door of the bank. Patrol officers set up a search of the nearby neighborhoods but could not locate the suspect. No vehicle was seen.

Robbery Detectives have some fairly good quality photos of this suspect inside of the bank. We are releasing the photos in the hope that someone will recognize this suspect and call the investigators. The witnesses also pointed out that the suspect has tattoos on his neck and on the back of both hands. The photo will be available via email (until 6PM) or at the SJPD Front Desk.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call detective Sgt. John Tepoorten or Detective Paul Hamblin of the San Jose Police Dept. Robbery Unit at 408-277-4166. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650
DATE: 12-31-04

TIME: 3:15PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Sgt. John Tepoorten
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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO