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**Serial Robbery Suspect
"Subway Bandit"**

SUSPECT#1: Zachariah Ciprian

AGE: 27 (7-9-77)

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

SUSPECT#2: Withheld (Juvenile)

AGE: 16

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

DETAILS:

San Jose Police Robbery Detectives are working with other Santa Clara County Law Enforcement agencies to identify and apprehend a suspect wanted for a series of twelve armed robberies. In each case the suspect has robbed a Subway Sandwich Shop, Quiznos Sandwich Shop or a Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Store. Most of the robberies occurred between 7:00PM and 9:30PM and in nearly every case the suspect displayed a handgun.

The first robbery occurred on Monday January 17, 2005 at 9:28PM at the Baskin Robbins Store at 840 El Paseo de Saratoga in West San Jose. In that case the suspect entered the store, brandished a handgun at the clerk and demanded money from the register. Since that time he has struck in South San Jose, Cupertino, Mountain View, Los Gatos, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. The last known case occurred on Thursday February 10th at 8:21PM at the Quiznos at 20672 Homestead Rd in Cupertino.

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On 2-26-05 at 8:05PM, the "Subway Bandit" robbed the Subway Sandwich Shop at 2090 N. Capitol Ave. in San Jose. The suspect entered the shop, brandished a handgun and fled with money from the register. A short time later, Sgt. Mike Knox spotted a person matching the suspect's description at a nearby gas station. The suspect fled on foot as the sergeant approached, leaving behind his vehicle and his female accomplice. She was detained and later booked into Juvenile Hall for four counts of robbery.

Based on information developed from the accomplice and the vehicle, Detectives were able to identify the suspect as Zachariah Ciprian from San Jose. On 2-27-05, Special Operations Officers from MERGE and METRO began an intensive search for the suspect. After following numerous leads Officers located the suspect at about 11:00PM in the area of Lick Ave. and Floyd St. He was arrested without incident and taken to the San Jose Police Dept. for processing. He was later booked into the Santa Clara County Jail for numerous counts of armed robbery. Detectives are not yet certain if he was also responsible for an armed

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carjacking, which occurred at Morrill Ave. and Cropley Ave shortly after the suspect fled from the gas station.

Anyone with any information on any of these cases is urged to call Detective Sgt. James Randol of the San Jose Police Robbery Unit at 408-277-4166. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

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