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Serial Robbery Suspects "SUV Bandit"

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:

Suspects have been described as either Hispanic or White males, speaking both Spanish and English. In the most recent case, a black semi-automatic handgun was used. In that same case, one of the suspects was described as an Hispanic male, 30 years old, 6'0", 200 pounds with a goatee. He was wearing a baseball cap, dark colored jacket, pants and boots. The baseball cap had "Police" in white lettering on the front (see sketch). The jacket had "Police" written on the chest area.

DETAILS:

Beginning on 3-18-05, six robberies have occurred in San Jose. The suspects rob victims by impersonating police officers and forcibly removing their wallets and money. The suspects, driving a late 1990's Chevrolet Suburban, black or dark in color, pull the victim's over and detain them by using a white spotlight and a P.A. system. The vehicle has tinted windows.

San Jose Police Robbery Detectives are working to identify and apprehend these suspects wanted for this series of robberies. Victims have been on foot, on bikes and driving a car. The robberies have occurred during evening hours.

Anyone with any information on any of these cases is urged to call Detective Sgt. Larry Esquivel or Detective Paul Hamblin 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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