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Serial Robbery Suspect "Oklahoma Bandit"

Case Numbers: 06-121-0815 06-082-0711
 06-114-0850 06-068-0826
 06-100-0681

Suspect #1: John Kent **Age:** 58
Address: San Jose Resident
Suspect Vehicle: 1989 Brown 4Dr. Jaguar
Booking Charges: Robbery (5 counts)

DETAILS:

Robbery 1: (06-068-0826)

On Thursday, 3/9/06 at 4:05PM, the suspect entered the Bank of the West at 1010 S. 1st St. The suspect walked to the teller and presented a demand note. The suspect fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was last seen leaving the bank on foot.

Robbery 2: (#06-082-0711)

On Thursday, 3/23/06 at 3:32PM, the suspect entered the Bank of the West at 2210 Business Cir. The suspect walked to the teller and presented a demand note. The suspect received an undisclosed amount of cash and again fled the bank on foot.

Robbery 3: (#06-100-0681)

On Monday, 4/10/06 at 3:30PM, the suspect entered the Bank of the West at 1590 Hamilton Ave. The suspect walked to the teller and presented a demand note. The suspect again received an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the bank on foot.

Robbery 4: (#06-114-0850)

On Monday, 4/24/06 at 4:35PM, the suspect entered the Bank of the West at 3081 McKee Rd. The suspect presented a demand note to the teller. The suspect fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. A gun was not used during these robberies.

BY: Ofc.Gina Tepoorten

DATE: 05-03-06

TIME:6:00PM

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Robbery 5: (#06-121-0815)

On Monday, 5/1/06 at 4:42PM, the suspect entered Washington Mutual Bank at 1402 Lincoln Ave. The suspect walked to the teller and presented a demand note. The suspect left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was seen getting into a vehicle parked near the bank. A witness was able to provide the police with the suspect's license plate number. Lt. Eugene Phillips located the suspect vehicle on San Pedro St. A vehicle stopped was initiated and the suspect and a female driver were taken into custody without incident. The witness was instrumental in assisting the police with this robbery. Lt. Rick Martinez of our Robbery Unit, believes that without the information provided by the witness, the suspect would have escaped capture. Both parties were brought to the police department for questioning. It was determined that the suspect was responsible for the above robberies. The female was questioned and later released pending further investigation.

Anyone with information on these cases are urged to call Detective Sgt. Rafael Nieves of the San Jose Police Dept.'s Robbery Unit at (408)277-4166. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.



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