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TYPE OF CRIME: Armed Robbery
VICTIM: Washington Mutual Bank
LOCATION: 2700 block Story Road

CASE NUMBER: 06-324-0418

DATE & TIME: 11-20-06 at 10:35AM

TYPE OF CRIME: Armed Robbery
VICTIM: CitiBank
LOCATION: 3400 block Steven Creek Blvd.

CASE NUMBER: 06-325-0356

DATE & TIME: 11-21-06 at 9:25AM

SUSPECT #1: Chris GRANT
ADDRESS: Southern California

AGE: 31 years (BMA 9-7-75)

SUSPECT #2: Robert RUFFIN
ADDRESS: Southern California

AGE: 30 years (BMA 11-11-76)

SUSPECT #3: Bobby LOTT
ADDRESS: Southern California

AGE: 22 years (BMA 5-7-84)

SUSPECT #4: Laquita TAYLOR
ADDRESS: Southern California

AGE: 22 years (BFA 3-26-84)

DETAILS:

On 11-20-06, at 10:35 AM, a bank robbery occurred at the Washington Mutual Bank at 2791 Story Road. Two suspects entered the bank and ordered everyone to the floor. Suspect #1 was holding a white bag as he approached three tellers and demanded money. Suspect #1 was unable to retrieve any money because of the bank's automated teller system. Suspect #2 pushed customers to the floor and grabbed two purses. Both purses contained cash, checks and credit cards. Both suspects were wearing masks and gloves. No weapon was seen.

BY: Sgt. N.M.Muyo #2086
DATE: 11-29-06 TIME: 10:00 AM

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DATE: 11-29-06 TIME: 10:30 AM

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Both suspects fled in a gray Chevrolet Celebrity 4-door. The vehicle was recovered nearby and was discovered to be an unreported stolen vehicle. The suspects then fled in an older faded red 2-door vehicle with a third suspect as the driver.

On 11-21-06, at 9:35 AM, a "take-over" bank robbery occurred at the CitiBank located at 3490 Stevens Creek Blvd. in San Jose. Suspects #1 and #2 entered the bank wearing hooded sweatshirts, black ski masks and gloves and carrying a white laundry bag. Suspect #1 jumped the counter and moved to the cash drawers. Suspect #2 forced the customers to the floor and took their wallets. Some customers were hit and dragged on the floor. The suspects fled from the bank a short distance in a stolen vehicle and were then seen getting into a red Ford Taurus driven by Suspect #4.

San Jose Police Officers responding to the robbery spotted the red Ford Taurus in the parking lot of a local motel. Investigation revealed that Suspect #4 had rented two motel rooms. All four suspects were arrested at the motel within an hour of the bank robbery. Detectives recovered items linking the suspects to both bank robberies. The suspects were booked on multiple counts of Robbery.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective John McElvy of the San Jose Police Department's Robbery Unit at (408) 277-4166. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

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