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Man arrested for robbery series

Riverside, CA – The Riverside Police Department has been investigating a series of armed robberies targeting massage parlors. During the investigation, it was found that the same suspect was responsible for over twenty robberies occurring throughout the Inland Empire since January 2013. The robberies have occurred in Riverside, Ontario, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Upland, Fontana and Chino. Riverside Police detectives have been working in conjunction with investigators from the other agencies. Information about the crimes and the description of the suspect was disseminated to officers across the region.

On March 30, 2013, a Riverside Police Department patrol officer recognized the suspect vehicle traveling in the area of Magnolia Avenue and Banbury Avenue and conducted a traffic stop. Detectives from the Riverside Police Department, Robbery / Homicide Unit along with investigators from the Ontario Police Department responded to assist with the investigation. Subsequently, the driver of the vehicle, Kenneth Crawford, 39 years old, was arrested for the series of robberies.

The Riverside Police Department is asking anyone with information in reference to the series of robberies to contact Riverside Police Detective Jim Brandt at (951) 353-7137 or Ontario Police Detective Steve Mar (909) 395-2919.

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