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JOHN HERNANDEZ

SERIAL ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

RIVERSIDE, CA – For several months, Detectives from the Riverside Police Department’s Robbery – Homicide Unit were actively investigating at least two robberies that occurred in the City of Riverside. On August 7, 2014, the Starbucks, located at 19040 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA, reported a robbery at approximately 0515 hours. A second robbery was reported on August 29, 2014, at approximately 0500 hours, at the Farmer Boys restaurant located in the 2000 block of Alessandro Boulevard, Riverside CA. The second investigation identified a possible suspect and two separate vehicles that were used by the same suspect. The suspect and vehicle information was shared with the Riverside Police Department’s Patrol division, along with other County of Riverside law enforcement agencies.

On Tuesday, October 7, 2014, another robbery was reported in the City of Moreno Valley from Albertacos, located at 23880 Alessandro Boulevard. The Riverside Sheriff’s Office, Moreno Valley Station investigated that robbery and determined the same suspect vehicle, along with the suspect description, matched the robberies that occurred in the City of Riverside.

On Saturday, October 11, 2014, Santana’s Restaurant, located at 6751 Indiana Ave, reported an attempted robbery at approximately 0705 hours. The employee reported the suspect was driving a similar vehicle as described in the earlier robberies.

On Monday, October 13, 2014, a Riverside Police Department officer working patrol duties recognized the suspect vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated by patrol officers. The male driver was detained. Evidence from the previous robberies was located inside the vehicle. During the subsequent investigation, detectives served several search warrants related to the suspect’s vehicle and home. The suspect was arrested he has been identified as John Hernandez, 45 years old from Perris California.

This is an on-going investigation. Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135.

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