



Elk Grove Police Department

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SECURITY GUARD SHOOTS AT ARMED BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS

ELK GROVE, CA – The Elk Grove Police Department is asking for the community's help in identifying two suspects involved in an armed bank robbery.

On October 5, 2011 at 9:29 a.m., two suspects (photos below) entered the Chase Bank (8725 Elk Grove Blvd.) and ordered everyone inside the bank to get down on the floor. Both suspects were armed with handguns while making these demands. The first suspect confronted an armed security guard and pointed a handgun at his head. The second suspect jumped over a counter area and proceeded to remove an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency from the teller drawers. The first suspect, who stayed near the entrance to the bank, was able to disarm the security guard after a brief struggle. As both suspects were leaving the bank, the suspect who had disarmed that security guard ejected the magazine from the guard's firearm and threw both parts of the gun across the room. Both suspects exited the bank on foot and ran into the parking lot.

The security guard was able to recover his weapon, load the magazine then chamber a round. Upon exiting the bank, the security guard fired four rounds at the suspect vehicle as it was driving away. The vehicle was described as a white Honda or Toyota sedan. The vehicle drove behind a nearby restaurant and was last seen travelling west on Elk Grove Blvd. At this time, investigators have been unable to confirm that any of the four rounds fired struck the suspects or the fleeing vehicle. There is no indication that anyone else in the area was struck by the rounds that were fired by the security guard.

The first suspect was described as African-American male adult, thirty to forty (30 to 40) years of age, five feet eight inches tall (5'8") with a large build. He was wearing a black baseball hat, dark sunglasses, black jacket with a white shirt underneath, blue jeans, white athletic shoes and gloves. The second suspect was described as African-American male adult, twenty to thirty (20 to 30) years of age, six feet tall (6'0") with a thin build. He was wearing a black knit cap, dark sunglasses, a black hooded sweatshirt, dark pants with black athletic shoes, and blue gloves. According to witnesses, both suspects were armed with handguns.

After canvassing the area, Investigators recovered several pieces of clothing believed to have been worn by the suspects behind a nearby business. Officers also recovered a handgun that had been discarded along Highway 99 just north of the Elk Grove Blvd. onramp. A records check revealed that the semi-automatic firearm had been reported stolen. At this time, it is unknown if the recovered weapon had been used by one of the suspects involved in the robbery.

Anyone with information regarding this bank robbery is asked to call the Elk Grove Police Department Detective Bureau at (916) 478-8060 or Crime Alert at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Callers to Crime Alert can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.00. Tips can also be sent via SMS text message by entering CRIMES (274637) on a cell phone, followed by Tip732 (agency identification number) and the message.



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