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WHAT: Suspects Sought in Series of Armed Robberies

Crime Stoppers and investigators with the Houston Police Department are seeking information on the suspects in a series of armed aggravated robberies.

Between August 8 and 26, 2011, officers with the Houston Police Department responded to a total of six robberies believed to be related. All six robberies took place in area markets, and the suspect descriptions match throughout the occurrences. Surveillance video obtained in at least five of the locations depict what investigators believe is the same suspect. In each occurrence an individual enters the business brandishing a black semi-automatic handgun, demands in both Spanish and English that the register be emptied, leaves with indeterminate amounts of money, and flees in a car driven by the second suspect in the incidents.

The incidents occurred at area markets at the following dates and times:

- Incident 1: 8500 block of Gulf Freeway, 8/26/2011 (3:20 PM)
- Incident 2: 7000 block of Long Dr. 8/19/2011 (3:05 PM)
- Incident 3: 4700 block of Telephone Rd. 8/15/2011 (12:30 PM)
- Incident 4: 9300 block of Howard. 8/13/2011 (12:41 PM)
- Incident 5: 8500 block of Almeda Genoa. 8/12/2011 (12:07 PM)
- Incident 6: 8400 block of Winkler. 8/8/2011 (5:09 PM)

The first suspect is described as a Hispanic male sometimes described as black, approximately 20 years old, 5'4"-5'6", slender build, dark complexion, with short black wavy hair. In each instance the suspect wrapped his face with a black bandana, and in some incidents wore a black baseball cap. A second suspect, the driver of the vehicle, is known to be involved, however no other physical description is available at this time. Photos of the first suspect are attached.

Anyone with information leading to the identification and arrest of the suspects is asked to contact Crime Stoppers of Houston at (713) 222-TIPS (8477).

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for any information called in to the 713-222-TIPS (8477) or submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org that leads to the filing of felony charges or arrest of the suspects in this case. Tips can also be sent by text message. Text TIP610 plus your tip to CRIMES (274637). All tipsters remain anonymous.

*Pictures Attached



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