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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SERIAL BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT ***UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 6, 2012***

The serial robber responsible for at least 7 different incidents of bank robbery in the City of Tucson in the last several months has struck again. On the afternoon of September 6, 2012, the Tucson Police Department was notified of a bank robbery that occurred at the **Wells Fargo Bank located at 8740 East Broadway Boulevard**. The bank is located inside of a Safeway grocery store at that address. Officers from Operations Division East responded to the bank and initiated an investigation. Detectives from the Robbery Unit also responded to further the investigation.

The investigators learned that two males entered the grocery store on the afternoon of September 6, 2012 and approached the banking area. One of the suspects was described as an **African American male, 21 to 25 years of age, 5'07" tall with a thin build**. He was last seen wearing a **white T-shirt, black shorts, and a baseball hat**. The other suspect was described as a **Hispanic male in his late 20's, 5'06" to 5'08" tall, and weighing approximately 180 pounds**. He was last seen wearing a **blue long-sleeved, button-up shirt and a gray knit cap with a small bill**. Once the males neared the teller counter of the bank, the African American male presented a robbery note to a teller. The note threatened harm and demanded money. After the African American suspect was given an undisclosed amount of money, the Hispanic male approached the teller counter. He presented a robbery note to a second teller. The second note also threatened harm and demanded money. The Hispanic suspect was also given an undisclosed amount of money. Both males left the store and were seen running across the parking lot in a westbound direction. They got into a **white 4-door sedan**, which has been described as a **90's model Honda vehicle**. The African American male was the driver of the vehicle.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone having information about the identity and/or whereabouts of these suspects to call **911 or 88-Crime**. Additionally, anonymous tips can be submitted utilizing the **TipSoft program**. Photographs obtained from surveillance video, which captured the incident on September 6, 2012, are included below.



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African American Suspect



Hispanic Suspect

Sergeant Maria Hawke – September 6, 2012

*****UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 6, 2012*****

The Tucson Police Department is again asking the public's assistance in identifying a serial bank robber who struck again yesterday afternoon. On September 5, 2012 at approximately 1:54 p.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to the U.S. Bank inside the Safeway located at 2140 West Grant Road after an employee called 911 to report that a robbery had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers confirmed the suspect had fled prior to their arrival and that no one inside the business was injured.

Robbery Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They learned that the suspect entered the bank and presented a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the suspect left the bank and was seen meeting up with an African-American male in the parking lot. The African-American male got into a white van and the suspect got into a white sedan. Both vehicles were last seen southbound on Silverbell Road. This is the same individual suspected of at least five other Tucson area bank robberies. Surveillance photographs from yesterday's incident are included below.

The suspect was described yesterday as a Hispanic or Indian male, mid-twenties to thirties, 5'7" to 5'9" tall, 180 pounds, wearing a gray or blue fedora, gray or blue long sleeve shirt, dark jeans, black and white tennis shoes and dark sunglasses. Anyone with any information is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



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Sergeant Chris Widmer – September 6, 2012

*****UPDATE – AUGUST 22, 2012*****

On August 22, 2012, at approximately 1:20 p.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to the U.S. Bank inside the Safeway located at 2140 W. Grant Road after an employee called 911 to report that a robbery had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers confirmed that the suspect had left prior to their arrival and that no one inside the business was injured.

Tucson Police Robbery Detectives responded to continue the investigation. They learned that a suspect entered the bank and presented a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. The suspect was given an undisclosed amount

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of money and left the bank. He was last seen walking eastbound from the Safeway. After interviewing witnesses and reviewing the security video, detectives believe this is the same suspect who has robbed multiple banks in the Tucson area within the last two months. Surveillance photographs from today's incident are included below.

The suspect in today's incident was described as a Caucasian or Hispanic male, 25 to 35 years of age, 5'08" tall, 180 to 190 pounds, wearing a red, white and blue Arizona Wildcat baseball cap, a dark hooded jacket, tan colored pants and large frame women's style glasses with rose colored lenses. Anyone with information is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



Sergeant Chris Widmer – August 22, 2012

UPDATE – AUGUST 8, 2012

On August 7, 2012 at approximately 2:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to the Wells Fargo Bank located inside the Safeway at 8740 East Broadway after an employee called 911 to report that a robbery had just occurred. Upon arrival, the officers confirmed that the suspect had left prior to their arrival and that no one inside the bank was injured.

Detectives from the Robbery Unit responded to continue the investigation. They learned that the suspect entered the bank and presented a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. After he was given an undisclosed amount of money, he left the bank and was last seen southbound on foot from the Safeway. After interviewing witnesses



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and reviewing the security video from the bank, detectives believe that the suspect involved in this incident is the same person suspected in four other Tucson area bank robberies.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male in his 20's, 5'05" to 5'07" tall, medium build, wearing white collared shirt with a black shirt underneath, black jeans and a black fedora. A surveillance photograph from the Wells Fargo Bank is included below. Anyone with information on the identity or whereabouts of this suspect is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



Sergeant Chris Widmer – August 8, 2012

*****UPDATE – JULY 18, 2012*****

On July 16, 2012, just after 3pm, a suspect entered the Compass Bank inside the Albertsons Grocery Store located at 6600 E. Grant Road. The suspect presented a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. The suspect left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money and changed clothes outside the nearby Target. He was then spotted inside the Target wearing the different clothing. The suspect left the Target in an unknown direction. Surveillance photographs from the Compass Bank and the Target are included below.

The suspect in this incident was described as a Hispanic Male, approximately 25-29 years of age, 5'07" tall, 190 pounds.

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He is believed to be the same suspect from the previous robberies of the Compass Bank at 6363 East 22nd Street and the U.S. Bank inside the Safeway at 1940 East Broadway. Anyone having information on the suspects identity or whereabouts is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



Sergeant Chris Widmer – July 18, 2012

The Tucson Police Department is asking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect believed to be involved in two bank robberies in the Tucson area. On June 25, 2012, at approximately 10:40 a.m., the suspect entered the Compass Bank located at 6363 East 22nd Street and presented a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. He left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. On July 5, 2012, at approximately 1500hrs, the suspect entered the U.S. Bank inside of the Safeway at 1940 East Broadway and again presented a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. He was given an undisclosed amount of money and left the store.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 25-35 years of age, 5'06" to 5'08" tall, 200 to 220 pounds. Surveillance photographs from both incidents are included below.

Anyone having information about the suspects identity or whereabouts is asked to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



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