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BANK ROBBERY 136 NORTH STONE AVENUE

*****UPDATE – JANUARY 24, 2013*****

On January 24, 2013 at about 8:00 a.m., a Tucson Police Officer on routine patrol observed a male walking near South 6th Avenue and 6th Street and recognized him as the individual responsible for two bank robberies that occurred at the National Bank of Arizona located at 136 North Stone Avenue. The male was detained and Robbery Detectives were able to confirm that this individual was indeed the suspect responsible for these robberies. He was identified as 42-year old Joe Fontes Gomez, a homeless Tucson native. He was booked into the Pima County Jail for 2 counts of Robbery.



Joe Fontes Gomez

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*****UPDATE – JANUARY 18, 2013*****

The Tucson Police Department is again seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect that robbed a downtown bank for the second time in just over a week. On January 18, 2013 at 3:51 p.m., officers from Operations Division Downtown responded to a report of a bank robbery at the National Bank of Arizona located at 136 North Stone Avenue. Upon arrival, officers confirmed that the suspect had left prior to their arrival and that no one was injured during the incident.

Robbery Detectives responded to continue the investigation. They learned that the suspect entered the bank and displayed a note to the teller demanding money and threatening harm. He fled southbound on foot from the bank after receiving an undisclosed amount of money. After speaking to witnesses and reviewing surveillance footage, detectives determined this was the same suspect who robbed the bank on January 10, 2013.

The suspect was described in today's incident as a Hispanic male, 40 to 50 years old, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, weighing 130 to 150 pounds with salt and pepper facial hair. He was wearing a grey long sleeve shirt and light blue jeans. Surveillance photographs are included below. Anyone with information is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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On January 10, 2013, at 12:34 p.m., officers from Operations Division Downtown responded to the National Bank of Arizona located at 136 North Stone Avenue. Upon arrival, officers confirmed that the suspect had left prior to their arrival and that no one was injured during the incident. A search was made for the suspect but he was not located.

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. He fled after receiving an undisclosed amount of money and was last seen running southbound from the bank.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 40 to 50 years old, 5'4" to 5'6" tall, 130 to 150 pounds, wearing a green trench coat, brown sweater, dark beanie, black gloves and sunglasses. Surveillance photographs are included below. Anyone with information is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



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