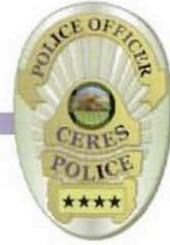




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Armed Robbery

CERES, Calif. - Detectives from the Ceres Police Department are requesting the public's assistance in identifying a man who has committed two armed robberies. The first Robbery occurred on June 6, 2011, at 03:54 PM at the Vineyard 76 Station located at 1240 Whitmore Ave.

The robbery was caught on tape. The suspect is described as a white male adult light skin, about 25 years old. He stands approximately 5-8 to 5-11, weighing approximately 180 to 220 pounds. He has short hair and sports black framed sunglasses.

The suspect entered the gas station convenient store. He approached the counter and produced a note demanding money. The store clerk handed over an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register while the man held his hand behind his back insinuating being in possession of a handgun. A gun was not seen, however, the man indicated he indeed had one in his back waistband (refer to video: <http://youtu.be/ePLqzTSF0hY>) He was last seen running east through the parking lot towards McDonalds.

Today, June 9, 2011, at 05:33 PM, the same individual was seen entering the 711 Store at 1305 Herndon. He is described wearing a blue sweatshirt with a black Raiders T-shirt underneath, black sunglasses and blue jeans. This individual demanded money with a note and reached behind his back insinuating he was armed. The suspect fled the area with an undisclosed amount of money before the officers arrived.

Investigators reviewed the surveillance videos in both robberies and confirmed he is the responsible in both incidents. They are asking for the public's assistance in identifying this potentially dangerous person. Approaching him is not recommended, but anyone with information is highly encouraged to contact:

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.

Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME

Text Tips: "274637" TIP704 in the wording

Website: www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers

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