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Suspect Apprehended for a Ceres Walgreens Robbery

Ceres, California – On January 18, 2012 at 05:11 PM, a man described as wearing a hooded sweatshirt with his hands in his sweatshirt pocket approached the pharmacy counter inside Walgreens, located on the 2100 block of East Hatch Road in Ceres. This man demanded Vicodin and the clerk asked the man if he had a prescription. The man kept one hand inside his sweatshirt pocket giving the impression he was armed, while he placed the other hand on the counter demanding Vicodin.

The clerk interpreted his actions to mean that he was armed, and that he was increasingly growing agitated. To prevent from escalating the situation, in case he was armed, she handed him a bottle of Vicodin. The man walked out of the store into the parking lot, where he left in a vehicle, according to a witness.

Ceres Police Detectives discovered additional information, which led them to a residence in the 1200 block of San Pedro. On January 19, 2012 at 6:35 PM, Ceres Detectives served a search warrant at the residence. They found evidence that linked **Billy Drybread Jr**, 43 years out of Ceres, to the robbery. Billy Drybread was booked at the Stanislaus County Jail for robbery.

This investigation is ongoing and Detectives are asking anyone with any information on this case to contact [Detective Derek Perry](#) at (209) 538-5730 or the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

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