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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Stretchy Pant Bandit

Ceres, California - Today, September 18, 2012 at 1108 hours, an African American male described to be 6'0" tall and 175 pounds, walked up to the counter of the Bank of America located at 2517 Mitchell Road and demanded money. The suspect wore women's clothing to disguise his appearance. He fashioned a black wig, a women's top, a black mini skirt and stretchy pants. Nobody in the bank was injured during the robbery.

The bandit was last seen running eastbound across Mitchell Road. with an undisclosed amount of cash. Ceres Officers saturated the area of 3100 Whitmore and Della. An anonymous witness gave an officer a tip that this man, accompanied by another African American man, ran into apartment #72. Ceres officers surrounded the apartment building and began evacuating neighboring apartments. Ceres Officers began announcing their presence on their Public Address System requesting the suspects to surrender.

The Ceres SWAT Team arrived at 1235 hours and officers continued to make their announcements for the suspects to surrender. Additional efforts were made to communicate with these individuals; however, there was no response. Ceres SWAT officers made entry into the apartment, conducted a search and nobody was found. There was no evidence found inside the apartment to determine if the suspects were actually inside.

Ceres Detectives are not disclosing any further information on this case until he is positively identified.

Ceres Police Detectives are asking anyone who saw a man running across Mitchell Road in stretchy pants or with information on this case to contact Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

**Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.**

**Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME**

**Text Tips: "274637" TIP704 in the wording**

**Website: [www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers](http://www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers)**