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“Stretchy Pant Bandit” Identified as 26 Year Old Leonard Brown

Ceres, California - On September 18, 2012 at 1108 hours, an African American male described to be 6'0" tall, 175 pounds walked up to the counter of the Bank of America located at 2617 Mitchell Road demanding money. Ceres Detectives identified the cross-dressing bandit as Leonard Charles Brown, Jr., 26 years of age, from Ceres.

The suspect, Leonard Charles Brown Jr., 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 Detectives believe Leonard Brown may be in the Merced area and is wanted Leonard for robbery. Anyone with information on Leonard Charles Brown's whereabouts or with any information about this case is encouraged to call the Ceres Police Department at (209) 538-5712 or tips can be reported anonymously to the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers:

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.

Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME

Text Tips: “274637” TIP704 in the wording

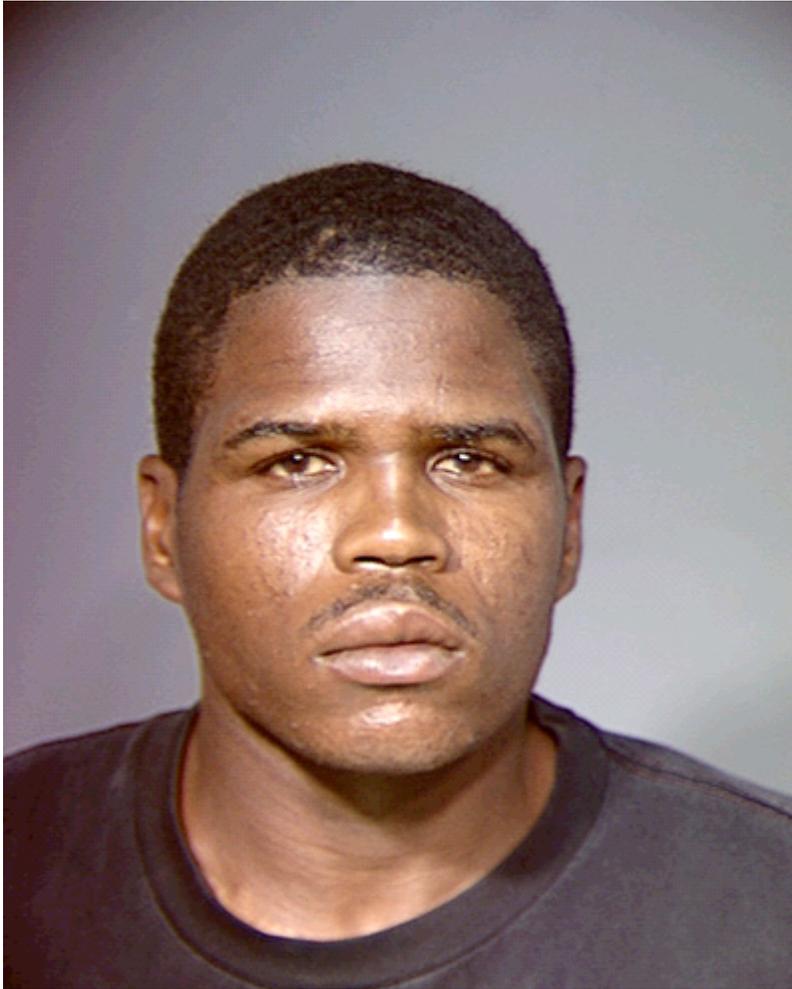
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Leonard Charles Brown in disguise.



Leonard Charles Brown Previous Booking Photo.