

NEWS RELEASE



City of Chino Hills Police Department



Date/Time Occurred: Friday, May 1, 2015
Crime or Incident: PC 211 Robbery
Location: Several locations throughout Southern California
Victim(s): Confidential
Suspect(s): Oddie, Anthony Edward, 20 years old, Chino Hills
Gomez-Quiroz, Richard, 20, Riverside

SUMMARY

Chino Hills detectives arrested two men late Friday night and early Saturday morning in connection with more than 16 robberies throughout four Southern California Counties in which the suspect wielded a firearm and a machete.

Anthony Edward Oddie and Richard Gomez-Quiroz were each arrested on a \$1,000,000 arrest warrant after an extensive investigation, spanning nearly two months, regarding a series of robberies that started in Chino Hills and spanned throughout neighboring cities and counties. Oddie and Gomez-Quiroz robbed more than 16 convenience stores throughout the cities of Chino Hills, Artesia, Fountain Valley, Diamond Bar, Riverside, Santa Ana, Orange and Newport Beach, often returning to a store more than once during the series. Chino Hills stores were victimized a total of six times, with a Circle K and Pizza Hut each getting hit twice.

Oddie routinely entered the store wearing a hooded sweatshirt, a bandana, a surgical mask, gloves and a hat while wielding a handgun, later determined to be an airsoft gun, and a machete. He would demand money from the cash register and threaten the clerks not to call the police. Gomez-Quiroz drove Oddie to the string of robberies and parked in obscure locations in order to not be detected by surveillance cameras at the target stores. The suspects would often rob up to four locations in one night in various cities.

Chino Hills detectives collaborated with investigators from Los Angeles and Riverside County Sheriff's Departments as well as investigators from Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Orange, Newport Beach and Artesia police departments. Investigators shared information and intelligence surrounding their respective cases in an effort to apprehend the suspects. Chino Hills detectives took the lead on the investigation since the majority of the robberies were committed in their city. Detectives conducted a very thorough investigation and were able to obtain \$1,000,000 arrest warrants for each suspect.

With the assistance of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Specialized Enforcement Division, Oddie and Gomez-Quiroz were taken into custody without incident. Oddie was located and arrested late Friday evening at his place of work in the 1500 block of E. 2nd Street in Beaumont and Gomez was arrested in a parking lot at the corner of Chino Hills Parkway and Pipeline Avenue around 0100 hours Saturday morning.

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Search warrants were executed on Oddie's house, Gomez-Quiroz's house and Gomez-Quiroz's car. Detectives recovered the simulated handgun, gloves, distinct clothing, hat, bag and bandanas used during the robberies. US currency consistent with the amounts taken in the most recent robbery in Orange was also located and recovered, as well as other evidence linking the suspects to the string of robberies.

Oddie and Gomez-Quiroz were booked into West Valley Detention Center in lieu of \$1,000,000 bail each. Investigators throughout the respective agencies affected by the robbery spree will continue to collaborate in an effort to pursue criminal action in the various jurisdictions. Throughout the course of the investigation, Chino Hills detectives learned there may be other robberies in other cities not listed above. Investigators are seeking information from other law enforcement agencies, or the public, on other similar cases. Anyone with information is asked to call (909)364-2000 or utilize the anonymous forum of We-Tip at 1-800-78-CRIME.



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