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Gas Station Burglary Series Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Eastern Division are asking for the public's assistance to help identify and locate the suspects responsible for a series of commercial burglaries targeting gas stations in San Diego.

On December 6, 2020, at about 4:15 a.m., two unknown suspects forced entry inside a closed Circle K gas station located at 10821 Tierrasanta Boulevard. The suspects stole an estimated \$26,000 worth of cigarettes and lottery scratchers. The suspects fled the scene in a black colored Hyundai with a possible California license plate of "7TME028".

On March 1, 2021, it is believed the same suspects using the same vehicle committed another burglary at the same Circle K gas station. The suspects stole an estimated \$30,000 worth of cigarettes and lottery scratchers.

Investigators believe these same suspects are responsible for 6 additional burglaries throughout the County of San Diego.

Suspects' Description:

Suspect # 1 is described as a White or Hispanic male wearing a black North Face jacket, jeans, grey/black shoes and blue latex gloves.

Suspect # 2 is described as a White male, wearing a gray and black jacket, dark pants, and maroon/brown shoes, black ski mask, and black gloves.

Surveillance cameras captured images and video of the suspects. The images can be found on page 2 of this release. A link to view videos of the burglaries can be found below.

https://youtu.be/4QpLShwmIGo

Anyone with information on the identity and or location of the suspects is asked to call the San Diego Police Department's Eastern Division at (858) 495-7955 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at <u>www.sdcrimestoppers.org</u> for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about this case should be directed to Lieutenant Matt Botkin at (858) 495-7908 or email at mbotkin@pd.sandiego.gov .
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at <u>msherring@pd.sandiego.gov</u> or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at <u>marcial.lopez@sdsheriff.org</u>.

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