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PRESS RELEASE

AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

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ON SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012 AT 04:53 AM, SAN BENITO POLICE OFFICERS RESPONDED TO THE STRIPES STORE LOCATED AT 304 SOUTH SAM HOUSTON IN REFERENCE TO AN AGGRAVATED ROBBERY. THE OFFICERS ARRIVED AND MADE CONTACT WITH THE MALE CLERK WHO SAID THAT TWO HISPANIC MALES HAD JUST ROBBED THE STORE. THE TWO FLED THE SCENE ON FOOT RUNNING BEHIND THE STORE BY LANDRUM STREET. ACCORDING TO THE CLERK ONE OF THE SUBJECTS WAS WEARING A BLUE NIKE T-SHIRT, SHORT HAIR, AND WITH TATOOS ON HIS WRIST AND KNUCKLES. THE SECOND SUSPECT WAS WEARING A BLACK BUTTON UP SHIRT WITH A LARGE WHITE STRIPE, LONG HAIR AND LIGHT COMPLETED. THE CLERK STATED THAT BOTH SUBJECTS ENTRED THE STORE, AND ASKED FOR A BOX OF CIGARRETTES. AT ONE POINT THE MALE SUSBJECT WEARING THE NIKE T-SHIRT JUMPED OVER THE COUNTER, AND DEMANDED THE MONEY FROM THE CLERK WHILE PRESSING THE TIP OF A SCREW DRIVER ONTO THE CLERKS NECK. THE SUSPECT DEMANDED FOR THE CLERK TO OPEN THE REGISTER IN ORDER TO TAKE THE MONEY, AND WHEN THE CLERK ADVISED HIM THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO OPEN THE REGISTER, THE SUSPECT PUNCHED THE CLERK IN THE FACE. THE SUSPECT THEN USED THE SCREW DRIVER TO FORCE THE REGISTER OPEN, AND ONCE IT OPENED BOTH SUBJECTS TOOK THE MONEY FROM THE REGISTER AND RAN TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE STORE. THE SAN BENITO POLICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING SURVEILLANCE RECORDING AS WELL AS GATHERING STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE SUSPECTS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT DETECTIVE MILTON RESENDEZ AT 956-361-3880 EXT 126.

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