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"AK-47 Bandit"

Chino, California; Sacramento, California; Vacaville, California; North Bend, Washington; Rexburg, Idaho; Nebraska City, Nebraska; Mason City, Iowa

February 29, 2012; March 9, 2012; March 12, 2012; July 6, 2012; November 7, 2012; August 22, 2014; July 28, 2015

UNKNOWN SERIAL BANK ROBBER



July 28, 2015



February 29, 2012



March 12, 2012



July 6, 2012

DESCRIPTION

Height: Approximately 5'9" to 6'0"

Weight: Approximately 180 to 230 pounds

Sex: Male

Build: Large

Eyes: Blue

Race: White

Age: Approximately 25 to 40 years old

Remarks: During some of the robberies, the suspect wore a black balaclava-style ski mask, black gloves, and navy blue body armor, as well as a green mesh vest with the word "Sheriff" on the back. In others, a Sheriff's star-style badge was pinned to the front of his clothing. In the Rexburg, Idaho robbery, the suspect wore a black coat with a hood.

Vehicle Information: During the California robberies (including the attempted robbery in Sacramento) and the Rexburg, Idaho, robbery, a dark gray four-door, 2009 to 2011 Nissan Maxima with dark tinted windows and stock chrome rims was seen. The license plate may have been covered. During the North Bend, Washington, robbery, a reddish-orange Jeep Liberty or Patriot SUV with a tire mounted on the back was observed.

Weapon Used: The suspect has used what is believed to be an AK-47 assault-style rifle with a drum magazine.

CAUTION

An unknown male suspect is wanted for his alleged involvement in the following activities related to armed bank robberies:

On Wednesday, February 29, 2012, the California Bank & Trust on the 5400 block of Riverside Drive in Chino, California, was robbed by an unknown White male. The suspect was armed with an AK-47 style assault rifle with a drum magazine. Following the robbery, a police officer patrolling the area came upon the bank robbery suspect who was fleeing the bank. The suspect fired upon the officer and seriously wounded him.

Prior to the bank robbery, a threat was called into the 911 dispatch center from a pay phone in the general vicinity of the bank by a male caller. Investigators believe the suspect employed a diversionary tactic in an attempt to delay officers responding to the bank robbery. The suspect was seen leaving the scene in a vehicle described as a late-model, dark gray, four-door Nissan Maxima with chrome trim and tinted windows.

The suspect is also believed to be connected to the March 12, 2012, robbery of the Bank of the West on the 1000 block of Helen Power Drive in Vacaville, California. He may also have been involved in an attempted robbery three days prior on March 9, 2012, of the Tri Counties Bank on the 1700 block of Challenge Way in Sacramento, California. The suspect is believed to have used the above-described Nissan Maxima in both the Vacaville robbery and the Sacramento attempted robbery.

On July 6, 2012, a similar style take-over robbery occurred at the Chase Bank on Mt. Si Boulevard in North Bend, Washington. The suspect was armed with an AK-47 style rifle with attached drum magazine. He had a loud, deep voice with no obvious accent, and threatened to shoot the tellers if they did not hurry. The suspect carried the cash by hand as he did not bring a bag. A dirty, reddish-orange Jeep Patriot or Liberty was parked out front of the bank as a getaway vehicle. It may have had out-of-state license plates with a prominent blue stripe across the top.

On November 7, 2012, a robbery took place at the East Idaho Credit Union in Rexburg, Idaho. At approximately 4:30 pm, the suspect entered the bank with what may have been an assault rifle and ordered the employees and customers into the vault. After obtaining the money, the suspect fled in a dark blue sedan with tinted windows and a red and blue license plate. He was last seen headed south on South Yellowstone Highway.

On August 22, 2014, the "AK-47 Bandit" was linked to a bank robbery at a First Nebraska Bank in Nebraska City, Nebraska. During the robbery, the suspect carried a duffel bag and an assault rifle with a drum magazine similar to the weapon seen in his earlier robberies. The suspect proceeded to remove cash from victim tellers' drawers and directed employees to comply with his demands. The suspect fled the bank with the stolen cash.

On July 28, 2015, at approximately 9:55 am, the Heartland Community Credit Union on South Monroe Avenue in Mason City, Iowa, was robbed. The suspect was armed with an AK-47 with a high capacity drum magazine. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of money and left the area in a 2007-2009 model black or dark-colored Toyota Camry LE. He left behind a suspicious item that was rendered safe by law enforcement.

REWARD

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$75,000 for information leading to the arrest of the individual responsible for the above crimes. Additional reward money may be available from outside entities.

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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