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Police searching for man who robbed Wells Fargo with gun

On October 23, 2020 at 2:04 p.m., Foster City Police Officers responded to Wells Fargo Bank, at 999 East Hillsdale Boulevard, on the report of an armed robbery. The lone suspect fled the scene on a motorcycle prior to police arrival with stolen cash from the bank. From witness statements and video security footage, the suspect entered the Wells Fargo branch wearing a motorcycle helmet which covered his face. Bank staff greeted the suspect and requested he remove his helmet. The suspect refused, removed a handgun from his waistband, and walked directly to a teller with his gun pointed towards the ground. The suspect demanded the teller place bank money from her drawer into a dark colored plastic bag he held. The teller complied without resistance. The bank employees were able to press the panic button and the manager called the police as the robbery was happening. Nobody was injured during the robbery and customers were inside the bank at that time. A few witnesses saw what was going on and provided statements to police detectives.

The lone suspect quickly exited the bank and got on a black 'sport' type motorcycle parked in front of the bank. The suspect was last seen fleeing the scene north on Shell Boulevard towards Metro Center Boulevard at a high rate of speed. The Foster City Police Officers conducted an extensive area check, initiated a San Mateo County Wide "Be-On-the-Lookout" broadcast and alerted the California Highway Patrol. The suspect was not located. Early results from bridge cameras show footage of the suspect fleeing east bound on the San Mateo Bridge shortly after the robbery.

Wells Fargo reported the robbery to the FBI, who informed us of two similar robberies that occurred in San Bruno and Fremont involving a similar suspect and motorcycle.

The suspect was described as a male adult, 6'2", 250-275 pounds, with a stocky build, wearing all black clothes, black Nike shoes, black adidas gloves and a black motorcycle helmet. The suspect also possessed a black and silver handgun.

The suspect's motorcycle was a black sport bike, with no license plate.

Anyone who may have information about this case is urged to contact the Foster City Police Department Detective Bureau at 286-3300. Or our Tip Line at 286-3323.

The Foster City Police Department would like to stress the importance of reporting crimes in a safe and timely manner. Providing detailed information such as suspect or vehicle description, direction of travel, often aids officers locating and arresting the suspects. We would like to remind everyone that when reporting an incident or a crime to please provide as many specific details as possible and to expect our dispatchers to ask a series of follow-up questions to get additional details.

You can obtain more information at https://www.fostercity.org/police/page/file-police-report and follow our Facebook page for great tips on reporting crimes and suspicious activity.

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