



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Armed Robbery

Case: 201204033

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 08-13-2012, approximately 12:30 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call from citizen who told the dispatcher he was eating his lunch on the south jetty when a Hispanic man who spoke broken English contacted him and said he had just been robbed at gun point and requested he call law enforcement. Two deputies responded to the south jetty and could not locate the reporting party or the crime victim. The dispatcher was able to recontact the reporting party who said he was mistaken; it was actually the north jetty where the crime occurred. A deputy and a Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.) Ranger responded to the North Jetty and were unable to locate the crime victim or his vehicle described as a 2004 Jeep Cherokee.

At approximately 7:45 p.m. the Sheriff's Office was recontacted by the 47 year old male crime victim and a deputy met with the 47 year old victim at a residence on California Street, Eureka. The victim had a relative present who was able to assist with English translation as to what occurred. The victim told the deputy he was at the North Jetty picnic grounds around noon, eating his lunch in his Jeep Cherokee, when he saw a male walk by his driver's side door. The male then opened his car door, brandished a large knife and pressed it into the victim's side. The suspect lifted his shirt when brandishing the knife and showed the victim he had a handgun, possibly a revolver shoved in his waistband. After stealing money, the victim's jacket and cell phone, the suspect punctured the victim's car tire with the knife and fled the scene on foot, "into the bushes". The victim was uninjured.

The suspect is described as male wearing black jeans, a blue sweater, and had his face covered with a brown cloth. Possibly in his late teens or early twenties.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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