



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME:

Armed Robbery

CASE NUMBER: 11-2034

LOCATION: 900 block First Street

DATE: 5/5/2011

TIME: 2259

VICTIM: Withheld

SUSPECT #1: Steven Joseph Johnson

DOB: 10/22/1961

ADDRESS: Gilroy Resident

BOOKING CHARGES: 211 PC, 664/215PC, 664/211PC (2 counts)

Details

On May 5, 2011 at about 2259 hours an armed robbery occurred in the 900 block of First St. Officers were dispatched to the area for an aggressive subject asking for money. During the initial investigation, it was learned that Johnson stole an unknown amount of beer from Safeway and fled westbound towards Kern Ave. As the officer conducted his investigation at Safeway, GPD was contacted by three independent citizens who stated they were victims of an armed robbery at Taco Bell. The description provided by each was similar to that of Johnson.

After fleeing from Safeway, Johnson accosted the first victim as she was leaving the drive-thru of Taco Bell. Johnson put his hand in his waistband, and demanded money from the victim. The victim was able to flee and later called GPD to report the incident. No weapon seen during this incident.

Moments later, a second victim was approached by Johnson as the victim drove up to the drive-thru. Again he displayed what appeared to be a handgun in his waistband, and demanded her purse and money. In fear for her safety, she gave Johnson her money. She was able to flee and later called GPD to report the incident.

Johnson then approached the third victim as she sat in the drive-thru. The victim stated that Johnson held a gun to her head and ordered her out of her vehicle. She immediately began screaming, causing Johnson to reach in an attempt to take her cell phone. She was able to flee, and Johnson fled from the scene.

At approximately 0112 hours, Johnson was seen in Safeway. Employees immediately called GPD to report that he was in the store. Officers responded and detained him. Johnson was determined to be the suspect in the aforementioned crimes. He was placed under arrest for violation PC 211, Armed Robbery; PC 664/211, Attempted Armed Robbery; and PC 664/215, Attempted Carjacking.

Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact Officer Madruga at (408) 846-0350. Parties wishing to remain anonymous may call the We-tip line at (800) 782-7463.

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End of Media Advisory

By: Sgt. Matsuhara

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Date: 5/9/2011



