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*** NEWS RELEASE ***

Investigators Need Help **\$ 5,000 Bank Reward Offered**



Berkeley, California (Friday, September 1, 2006) –The Berkeley Police Department (BPD) is requesting help from the community in identifying several suspects who are responsible for several robberies in Berkeley and possibly other Bay Area cities.

In the first case, a lone gunman entered the **USE Credit Union** on 08/23/06 at about 11:00am and ordered all persons to the ground, then proceeded to rob the business. The suspect is described as a black male adult, in his twenties, 5-09, 160 lbs. The suspect had braided hair that was pulled back. This suspect may be the responsible in a similar credit union robbery in the South Bay.

Investigators also need help in identifying the suspect in a Berkeley **Wells Fargo Bank** robbery that occurred on 08/26/06 at about 2:00pm. The suspect was described as a black male in his twenties, 5-08, 160 lbs. wearing a black t-shirt and multi-colored baseball cap. Investigators believe that he is responsible for another bank robbery in a nearby city.

In the third case, the suspects beat their victims even after they complied. On 08/25/06, just after midnight, the group of suspects described as 3-4 young males (possibly black or Hispanic) all 18-22 years old and all over 6 feet tall robbed and beat their victims in the 1200 block of Francisco St. We have had four separate reports of pedestrian robberies in the North –West Berkeley area, for which this group may be responsible.

Anyone with information as to identities of the suspects in the attached photos is asked to contact the Berkeley Police Department Robbery Unit at (510) 981-5742.

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