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Unidentified Male Bank Robbery Suspect Known as “Seasoned Bandit” Sought By Law Enforcement Partners

Linked to 9 Bank Robberies In Los Angeles & Santa Barbara Counties

Los Angeles – An unidentified bank robbery suspect nicknamed “The Seasoned Bandit,” is being sought by the FBI and law enforcement partners in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Counties in connection with at least 9 bank robberies since April 2017.

The suspect, further described as a white male in his 50s or 60s, wears casual clothing, a hat and sunglasses, and can be seen in bank surveillance photographs being distributed to the press. The moniker “Seasoned Bandit” was assigned based on the bandit’s suspected age and grey-white hair.

During the robberies, the Seasoned Bandit passes a note in which he demands cash and threatens a gun if the victim teller does not comply with his demands.

The banks linked to the Seasoned Bandit are listed below:

Montecito Bank & Trust	4/27/17	Carpinteria
Union Bank	05/24/17	Carpinteria
Wells Fargo	6/12/17	Newhall
Chase Bank	6/27/17	Newhall
Golden 1	07/07/17	Goleta
Logix FCU	07/25/17	Valencia
California Credit Union	08/10/17	Valencia
Wescom Credit Union	08/21/17	Stevenson Ranch
Coast Hills Credit Union	9/6/17	Santa Maria

The investigation of the Seasoned Bandit is being conducted by law enforcement partners with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office; the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department; the Santa Maria Police Department; and the FBI.

Anyone with information as to the identity or whereabouts of the Seasoned Bandit is urged to contact the law enforcement agencies investigating this case or dial 911. In Los Angeles the FBI may be reached 24 hours a day at 310 477-6565.

For information about additional bank robbers being sought in the Los Angeles region, please visit www.labankrobbers.org.

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