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Investigators Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Armed Robbery Suspects

LADERA RANCH, Calif. – (July 22, 2014) – On Monday, July 21, 2014 at approximately 11:20 p.m., Orange County Sheriff's deputies responded to an armed robbery at the Arco AM/PM gas station store at 27402 Antonio Parkway, Ladera Ranch. The suspect used a black handgun and demanded cash from two registers in the store. The suspect fled the location on foot with an unknown amount of cash and no vehicle was seen.

The suspect is described as a male, African-American, early 20's wearing a grey shirt, PJ bottoms and a black baseball cap with a Pittsburg Steelers emblem. He was wearing gloves and his face was covered with a green bandana. A second suspect, who did not enter the store, was seen pacing outside the store just prior to the robbery and later discovered to have intentionally distracted a witness while the robbery was in-progress. The witness was later identified as an off-duty police officer. The second suspect is described as male, African-America or Hispanic, early 20's or late teens, wearing a black t-shirt, grey jeans and a red/yellow baseball cap (possibly Washington Redskins)

Both suspects fled eastbound on foot to the rear of several adjacent businesses. Immediately following the witness being made aware of the robbery by the clerk, he attempted to locate the suspects in the neighboring commercial complex but was unable to do so.

Anyone with information regarding this suspect is asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (949) 425-1900 or (714) 647-7000. Anonymous tips may also be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227) or at occrimestoppers.org.