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Unknown Suspects Wanted for Elder Abuse and Kidnapping Series

Up to a \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the Oceanside Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate three unknown male suspects wanted for a series of kidnapping and elder abuse cases.

On August 24, 2016, a male suspect (S-1) approached a 73-year-old female who was shopping inside the Walmart located at 2100 Vista Way, in Oceanside. The suspect told the victim in Spanish that he was from Costa Rica and asked her if she could help him find a nearby immigration building. The victim initially told the suspect she could not help him. A second male suspect (S-2) appeared and convinced the victim to give both of the males a ride to the nearby immigration building.

While the victim was driving the suspects in the area of downtown Oceanside, both suspects told the victim they had a winning lottery ticket and needed the victim's help in collecting the money. The suspects promised the victim \$ 40,000 if she assisted. The victim became suspicious that the suspects were trying to scam her. At the same time, the victim's cell phone began to ring. S-1 told the victim to not use her phone and then took it from her. Both suspects told the victim she needed to withdraw \$1,800 from her bank account and give it to them. The victim was very fearful at this point and complied. The victim dropped both suspects off in the downtown area of Oceanside after giving them the money.

The entire encounter lasted approximately 2 hours. The victim noticed a dark colored minivan (possibly a Toyota Sienna) following her during this incident.

Investigators have learned that these same suspects have done multiple similar style crimes all over San Diego County including a case in the City of San Diego in which the victim had lost her life savings. Investigators also believe there may be additional victims out there who did not file a crime report.

Suspect # 1 is described as a Hispanic male, 35 to 45-years-old, 5'6" tall, 180 lbs, short curly hair, and a heavy build.

Suspect # 2 is described as a Hispanic male, 40 to 50-years-old, 6'0" tall, 200 lbs, with a medium build.

Suspect # 3 is described as a Hispanic male, 30 to 40-years-old, 5'10" tall, 180 lbs, with a thin build.

Surveillance photos of the suspects are attached to page 2 of this release.

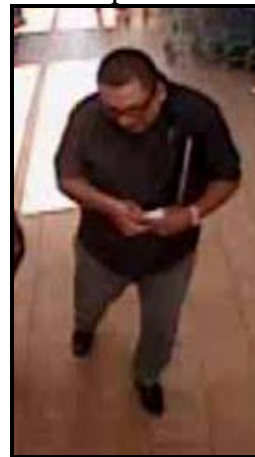
Anyone with information on this case should call the Oceanside Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit at (760) 435-4572 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent via www.sdcrimestoppers.org.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to Oceanside Police Department's PIO Kathleen Vincent at (760) 435-4422 or email at kvincent@ci.oceanside.ca.us.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov.

Suspect # 1



Suspect # 2



Suspect # 3



Suspect Vehicle



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