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MAN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF ROBBING MULTIPLE BANKS LINKED TO SERIAL BANK ROBBER KNOWN AS THE "RED SHARPIE BANDIT," SUSPECTED IN ELEVEN HEISTS IN ORANGE COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST THROUGHOUT 2009

A man, who recently resided in both San Clemente and Las Vegas, has been arrested for a series of bank robberies attributed to a bank robber known as the "Red Sharpie Bandit," so named based on the red magic marker used during his robberies, it was announced today by law enforcement authorities with San Luis Obispo County, San Barbara County and the FBI.

Anthony William Frisco, 44, was apprehended late last week by detectives with the Santa Barbara Police Department, after detectives there received a tip generated from the media coverage on the case. Throughout 2009, an unidentified male subject meeting the description of the Red Sharpie Bandit was seen by witnesses and in various bank surveillance photographs, and is suspected in as many as eleven bank robberies at the following locations:

01/12/2009	Washington Mutual	San Clemente
03/16/2009	Downey Savings	Dana Point
05/11/2009	Chase Bank	San Clemente
09/01/2009	Rabobank	Pismo Beach
10/13/2009	Wachovia Bank	Seal Beach
10/27/2009	Chase Bank	San Luis Obispo
10/30/2009	U.S. Bank	Dana Point
11/09/2009	Wachovia Bank	Seal Beach
12/07/2009	Chase Bank	San Clemente
12/14/2009	Wells Fargo	San Luis Obispo
12/14/2009	Wells Fargo	Nipomo

Currently, Frisco is in custody at the San Luis Obispo County jail on an armed robbery charge. His bail has been set at \$500,000. It is anticipated that Frisco will be charged with as many as four counts of armed robbery in connection with robberies in the cities of Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo and Nipomo.

The investigation into the robberies in Orange County is continuing and Frisco may face addition charges at the state or federal level.

The robberies in San Luis Obispo County were investigated jointly by detectives and agents with the San Luis Obispo Police Department; San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department; Pismo Beach Police Department; Santa Barbara Police Department and the FBI. Frisco is expected to be charged by the District Attorney in San Luis Obispo County. The bank robberies in Orange County are being investigated by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the FBI and police in the cities where banks were robbed.

A press briefing will be held at 11:00 a.m. today at the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Dept, Honor Farm Auditorium, 880 Oklahoma Ave, San Luis Obispo. The Honor Farm is located off Hwy 1 at Kansas Ave.

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