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### **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SOUGHT BY FBI AND LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO IDENTIFICATION OF THE SPORT BIKE BANDITS**

The FBI and Long Beach police detectives are seeking the public's assistance in order to identify the person/s responsible for multiple bank robberies linked to the Sports Bike Bandits, believed to have robbed, or attempted to rob, the following banks in Long Beach and Pasadena.

7/25/08	Bank of America	6351 East Spring	Long Beach
9/12/08	Bank of America	880 East Colorado	Pasadena (Attempted robbery)
10/28/08	First Bank	6200 East PCH	Long Beach

During the most recent robbery linked to the Sport Bike Bandits, a bandit entered the bank wearing a black motorcycle helmet with a yellow bandana and black sunglasses underneath the helmet. The bandit wore a blue jacket and had black leather gloves on his hands. The bandit was described by witnesses as nervous and as having his hand inside a black duffle bag. With a black pistol in his right hand, the bandit motioned and told the bank employee to get up from her desk and to put her hands on the counter. With the black pistol in his hand, the bandit told the teller to give him the money. After robbing the bank, the bandit exited through the front doors of the bank and was observed heading east on Loynes, away from Pacific Coast Highway. The bandit was further described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	Unknown
Age:	Between 30 to 40
Height:	5'5" to 5'9"
Weight:	140 to 170 lbs
Body Type:	Medium built.
Complexion:	Light skin.
Voice:	No accent, normal tone.
Eyes:	Unknown; wore sunglasses.
Hair:	Unknown; wore a helmet.

During an takeover attempted robbery in Pasadena on 9/12, the victim teller noticed a male individual wearing a black motorcycle helmet standing in front of the inside entrance door looking around. Witnesses then heard the robber yelling for them to get on the floor and to get off the phone. The bandit used profanity and pointed his gun at victims, according to witnesses. A parking attendant employed by the bank pursued the bandit, who fled the bank after attempting to rob it. In this robbery, witnesses further described the bandit as follows:

Build	Medium
Voice	Deep
Facial	Unshaven
Hat	Black motorcycle helmet
Shirt	Black jacket
Pants	Black
Gloves	Black
Gun	Black semiautomatic handgun

During the first Long Beach robbery on 07/25/2008, a male individual wearing a black motorcycle helmet came into the bank with at least with one handgun, possibly two handguns. The robber advised individuals in the lobby that it was a robbery and told them to put their hands on the counter. The robber initially ordered the tellers that were behind the bandit barrier to give him cash. When the tellers did not immediately give the robber cash, the robber started to threaten individuals inside the bank. After taking money from the bank, the robber fled the scene on a sport type motorcycle with a California license plate with a "J" somewhere on the license plate.

Sex:	Male
Build:	Medium – Fit
Height:	5'5" – 5'10"
Race:	White or Hispanic
Voice:	No accent
Hat:	Black motorcycle helmet with visor
Shirt:	Black motorcycle jacket with extended "half-moon" back covering lumbar area
Gloves:	Black
Shoes:	Black

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the Sport Bike Bandits should contact the FBI or the Long Beach Police Department, or call 911. The FBI in Los Angeles can be reached 24 hours a day at 1 888 CANT HIDE or 1 888 226-8443.

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