



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** May 7, 2009

**CASE #08-4190**

**Location:** 3100 Block area of W. Ramsey Street, Banning

**Incident:** Fraudulent Check scam



**George Edwin Lewis**

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Banning Police Detectives arrested George Edwin Lewis for cashing a fraudulent State Compensation Insurance Fund check at a local business in the City of Banning.

During an interview, detectives learned that Lewis was responsible for cashing at least five additional fraudulent checks at local businesses in the Cities of Beaumont, Calimesa and Yucaipa. The total proceeds from Lewis' fraudulent check scam netted him approximately \$3,700 dollars within a 12 month period. Lewis was charged with 476 (a) PC, Intent to Defraud, 487 PC, Grand Theft and 459 PC, Burglary. Lewis was later transported and booked into the Smith Correctional Facility in the City of Banning.

The Banning Police Department urges citizens to report any fraud to the police department. For further information pertaining to this case please contact the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 922-3180.

#### **Suspect Information:**

**Suspect# 1:** Lewis, George Edwin, W/M, D.O.B: 09-26-1979, 602/180,  
Brown / Brown.