



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release - Update*

**Date:** June 16, 2011

**Location:** 26672 9th Street, #151, Highland, California

**Incident:** Robbery Suspect in Custody (Case # 11-1986)

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On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 7:00 a.m., the Banning Police Department's Detective Bureau, with the assistance of the Banning Police Department's Emergency Tactical Unit and the San Gorgonio Special Operations Gang Task Force, served a search warrant at 26672 9<sup>th</sup> Street, #151, in the City of Highland.

The search warrant was in reference to an armed robbery that occurred at the Shopping Basket market located at 2217 West Ramsey Street, Banning, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. During the armed robbery, the suspect took approximately \$3,000 and personal checks from the store clerk. The suspect then fled the location in a silver colored vehicle.

Investigators learned of a possible suspect during the investigation and a location where he was residing. The suspect, identified as Jose Luis Martinez (11/04/1992), was arrested during the warrant service and later confessed to the armed robbery. Martinez was subsequently booked into jail for armed robbery. This is an ongoing investigation.

The Banning Police Department urges citizens to contact the police department with any information involving this case. For further information pertaining to this case, please contact the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 849-1196.

-----Original Press Release-----

On Sunday, May 29, 2011, at approximately 1823 hours, Banning Police Department officers responded to a report of an Armed Robbery that had just occurred at the Shopping Basket located at 2217 W. Ramsey Street.

Upon arrival, officers established a perimeter and then entered the business to search for the suspect, however, the suspect fled prior to the arrival of patrol units.

Officers were told that a Black or Hispanic male entered the business brandishing a black, semi-automatic handgun, and demanded money from the store's owner.

The male suspect was described as approximately 5'3" to 5' 5" tall and around 120 to 130 pounds with a black "goatee style" beard. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his face.

The victim was forced to give the suspect money and business checks.

After committing the robbery, the suspect fled the location in a silver or gold compact vehicle.

The circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation.