
Robberies

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Overview- Bank Robberies

- ◆ Averaged 16 Bank Robberies annually, 2001-2003
- ◆ 24 Bank Robberies from Jan to present, 2004
 - 4 bank robberies during the same time last year
 - Arrests have been made in 16 of the 24 robberies



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2004 Bank Robberies

- David Dowding (1) Austin
- Ernest Rodriguez Jr (5) San Antonio
- George Buncich (1) Austin
- Joe Rene Tamayo (1) San Antonio
- Johnny Elbert Jackson Jr (2) Austin
- Thomas Thompson (5) Austin
- Unsolved



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APD's Response:

Make Arrests &

Prevent Additional Robberies



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Make Arrests - Patrol

- ◆ Patrol Officers visiting banks
 - Review security procedures & event protocol
- ◆ Increased presence of uniformed officers
- ◆ Internal Task Force
- ◆ Crime Analysis
- ◆ APD Daily Bulletin
 - robbery updates internal and to surrounding agencies
- ◆ Bank Email Alert System
 - 74 bank contacts – managers & security directors



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Make Arrests- Coordination with Other Agencies

- ◆ Federal Bureau of Investigation
- ◆ U.S. Marshals
- ◆ San Antonio and Dallas Police Departments
- ◆ New Braunfels Police provided key information on the Cowboy and Scarface robbers.



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Make Arrests- Technology

- ◆ Strong partnership between banks and APD to identify the best technology available to solve robberies



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Make Arrests- Tips and Rewards

- ◆ CrimeStoppers (local and Statewide)
- ◆ Robbery tip line – 974-5092
- ◆ Intelligence Unit working with other agencies
- ◆ Rewards posted for capture of robbers



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Prevention- Recent Education & Information

- ◆ Bank Robbery Prevention Seminars- over 150 people
- ◆ Bank of America Presentation- 35 bank managers
- ◆ Member of FraudNet & SWACHA-
 - internet clearinghouse of information shared between banks and law enforcement



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Robberies of Individuals



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Overview- Robberies of Individuals

- ◆ Continued focus on victims who are
recently immigrated Hispanic males
- ◆ Concerns generated by following factors:
 - Robbed in public places
 - Stranger on stranger
 - Weapons involved in roughly 50% of the cases
 - Victim is assaulted in roughly 60% the cases



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Prevention- Education and Information

- ◆ Robbery Unit and Patrol are coordinating efforts to target robbery "hot spots"
- ◆ Tracking of known suspects living in the area
- ◆ Working with Spanish language media to promote robbery prevention and event response.
 - El Mundo (newspaper)
 - Univision (television)
 - Numerous radio stations



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Prevention- Education and Information

- ◆ Spanish speaking District Reps doing outreach
 - Media interviews on Spanish television & radio
 - Meetings at apartment complexes
 - Wells Fargo developing flyers



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