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## San Diego Police Department

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### **Craigslist iPhone Thief**

Between December 12, 2013 and January 14, 2014, Randolph Calvin Jenks committed three pedestrian robberies and two grand thefts from persons posting Craigslist advertisements selling iPhones. Jenks displayed or used a stun gun, pepper spray, and a firearm during three separate incidents.

During the crimes, Jenks would pose as an interested buyer and negotiate the price with the victims. In all five of the cases Jenks gave the victims a sealed white envelope with single dollar bills which totaled an amount far less than the negotiated price. When the victims confronted Jenks he ultimately used force to retain their property. Jenks has used a matte black Honda Prelude with red accented rims, a black Lexus with "Toyota of Hollywood" paper plates, aftermarket rims, and has arrived and fled on foot.

Jenks is a mixed race male. He has been described as being Hispanic, African American, and Indian. He is light skinned with a stocky to muscular build (5'7, 170 lbs), short hair, also Fauxhawk (or Fro-hawk) hair style and is 27 years old.

Jenks Modus Operandi is:

- Responding to craigslist advertisements of people selling iPhones, and Macbooks.
- Using a "310" area code phone to contact the sellers.
- Being very talkative and friendly, yet also stating being cautious of craigslist ads and scams.
- Negotiating as if planning to legitimately purchase the phone(s).
- Providing the seller with a sealed white envelope containing single dollar bills significantly less than the agreed upon purchase price.
- Meeting at or planning to meet victims at Starbucks locations.
- Displaying or using a weapon (semi-automatic handgun, taser, and pepper spray have all been used by JENKS).

Jenks was arrested on January 16, 2014 for his role in the robberies. It is believed Jenks has been involved in similar crimes throughout the county.

Anyone with information concerning these cases or who has been a victim in similar unsolved crimes is asked to contact Detective Woodland, San Diego Police Department, Eastern Division at (858) 495-7900 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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