



Marina Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

Armed Robbery Suspect Arrested

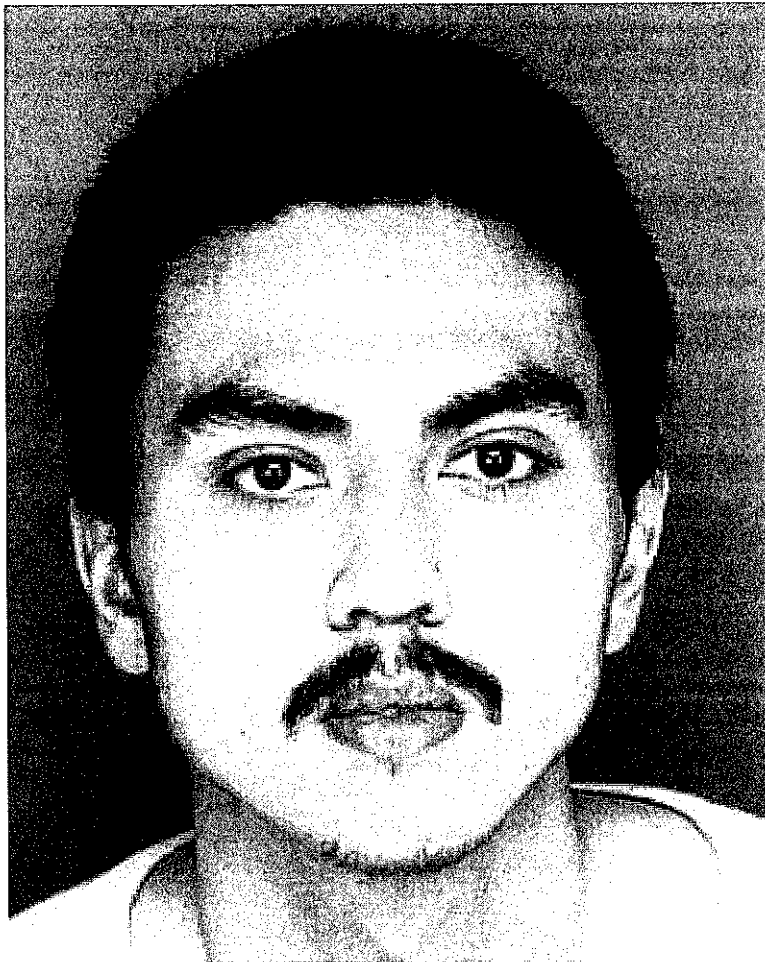
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 3000 Block of Seacrest Avenue, Marina, California
DATE OF INCIDENT: April 7, 2015
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DEPARTMENT CONTACT: PIO, Commander Bob Nolan

On 4/7/2015, Benjamin "Ben" Omoto (19 years old) was arrested in the 3000 block of Seacrest Avenue, Marina, California for Armed Robbery. The robbery occurred on Mother's Day, May 11, 2014. Two elderly females, who were selling Mother's Day flowers from their truck in front of a local market, were approached by two male suspects. The suspects robbed them at gunpoint of their cashbox. One of the suspects was apprehended by police shortly after the robbery; however, the other male was able to elude arrest.

Marina detectives continued with the investigation. Through persistent and diligent investigation, they were able to identify the second suspect as Omoto. An arrest warrant was obtained for Omoto and he was arrested near his residence on Seacrest Avenue. Omoto was booked into the Monterey County Jail.

Omoto's associate in the robbery, identified as Marina resident Sean Underwood, was recently sentenced to six (6) years in California State Prison for his own involvement in the robbery.

For additional information related to the arrest of Benjamin Omoto, contact Marina Police Department Commander Bob Nolan at (831) 884-1266, bnolan@ci.marina.ca.us, during normal business hours of operation.



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