



# Huntington Beach Police Department

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## Media Advisory

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**Subject:** Arrest of Bank Robbery Suspect

**Case Number:** 15-019821

### Details:

Between 12/17/15 and 12/26/15, a suspect robbed the Bank of the West at 19006 Brookhurst St, attempted to rob the Chase bank at 19021 Beach Blvd (twice) and was seen casing the US Bank at 9042 Garfield Ave (twice). During the completed robbery, a note threatening violence was used but no weapon was seen. The suspect was described as a black male in his 40s, 6'0"-6'2", medium build, wearing aviator style sunglasses, and a baseball cap.

A citizen tip combined with the joint investigation between the Huntington Beach Police Department, Orange County Sherriff's Department and F.B.I. Bank Robbery Apprehension Team identified a suspect. The suspect, identified as Neil Cherry, is a 52 year old Huntington Beach resident. Cherry was contacted and taken into custody without incident at the Bella Terra Shopping Center.

Huntington Beach Detectives served search warrants related to the investigation. Several items of evidence directly linking Cherry to the crimes were located. He was interviewed at the Huntington Beach Police Station by Huntington Beach Detectives and he confessed to the crimes. His arraignment is set for Monday at the Orange County Superior Courthouse in Westminster. Cherry has been charged with one count of robbery in the first degree and there are other possible charges pending a review from the District Attorney's Office.