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- I. DATE OF PRESS RELEASE: April 12, 2012
- II. ANNOUNCEMENT: Livermore Police Make Arrests for Two Bank Robberies

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

On March 22, 2012, the West America Bank located at 1440 First Street in Livermore was robbed by a single male suspect who demanded money from a bank teller. Witnesses told investigators that the suspect left the bank and got into a white mid 90's Isuzu Rodeo driven by an accomplice.

On March 26, 2012, the Chase Bank located at 1702 N. Vasco Road in Livermore was robbed by a single male suspect who used a demand note to threaten a teller. The suspect fled the bank and was not located.

These two bank robberies were unrelated and it was obvious to LPD investigators that the suspects in each case were not the same person. LPD investigators followed up on these two robberies including networking with surrounding agencies to determine if these suspects had robbed other banks in the area. LPD investigators determined that the suspect from the Chase Bank robbery was wanted for six other bank robberies which had occurred in three other counties. They identified him as Jeremy Morton, a transient from the Oakland area. LPD investigators obtained an arrest warrant for Morton and began actively looking for him.

On March 31, 2012, Morton was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by Sacramento County Sheriff's deputies for an unrelated traffic matter. Morton provided a false name to the deputies and was eventually arrested. Once Morton was booked at the Sacramento County Jail, he was identified by fingerprints as the suspect wanted by LPD. LPD investigators responded to Sacramento to interview Morton and serve the arrest warrant on him.

On April 4, 2012, the Bank of Stockton located on Tracy Boulevard in Tracy was robbed by a lone male suspect. Tracy PD officers caught the suspect in a white Isuzu Rodeo being driven away by an accomplice shortly after the robbery was committed. Both subjects were arrested by Tracy PD for the Tracy bank robbery.

LPD investigators learned of these arrests and immediately responded to Tracy to interview the two suspects. The suspect who had entered the Bank of Stockton and committed the robbery was identified as Niem Siafu. Siafu admitted to robbing the West America Bank in Livermore on March 22, 2012 as well as several other bank robberies. The driver of the Isuzu was identified as George Beesley (DOB 11-12-70, Martinez resident). LPD investigators were not able to place Beesley as the accomplice in the Livermore West America Bank robbery.

Morton and Siafu will be facing federal charges for the bank robberies they committed in Livermore. These were the only two bank robberies occurring in Livermore in 2012. There was only one bank robbery in Livermore in 2011.



Morton, Jeremy James
DOB 7-31-1989
Oakland area transient



Siafu, Niem
DOB 11-23-1981
Fresno area transient

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