



## EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Public Awareness Bulletin

#### NEWS RELEASE

July 23, 2015

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Reported losses are over \$91,000. Locally, 11 of the victims withdrew money from a Boeing Employees Credit Union (BECU) branch office (11127 Evergreen Way) and one victim from a Wells Fargo bank (7502 Evergreen Way).

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Everett Police Department and the Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force conducted a surveillance operation to locate, identify and arrest the suspects. The suspects were apprehended after stealing money from an undercover vehicle and were booked into the Snohomish County Jail under the names of Giovanni Ramirez-Pedraza, a 28 year-old male from Renton, and Javier Rojas-Diaz, a 45 year-old male from Kent. Both males have been released pending the criminal court process. It is believed the suspects primarily use vans and SUV's to facilitate their crimes and additional suspects may be involved.

Property Crimes detectives remind ATM users to be alert of their surroundings and never leave valuables or cash inside a vehicle.



Ramirez-Pedraza



Rojas-Diaz



Unknown Suspect

Anyone with information about these incidents or has been a victim of a similar crime is asked to call the Everett Police Department TIP LINE at (425) 257-8450 or Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Cash taken by thieves after victims use bank

(Updated Release - July 24, 2015)

Detectives are now investigating 22 reported cases from around the region with losses over \$110,000. Of these, 15 of the incidents occurred in Everett.

To clarify, victims did not use ATM's but had made transactions inside a financial institution before leaving with their cash. Additionally, a female (not male) was robbed at gunpoint.

### TIPS:

- Keep money and bank envelopes out of sight when exiting financial institutions
- Count money inside the bank - not as you walk or sit in your vehicle
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Never leave valuables or cash in your vehicle

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