

# Masked Gunman Robs Bank, Gets Away In Customer's Car

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A robber wearing a hockey mask fired three shots from his firearm inside Southwest Bank, 9878 Hibert St., before

escaping in a customer's car with \$1,938 last week.

Witnesses described the suspect in the Oct. 5 holdup as a white male, 25-30 years of

age, between 5'7" and 5'11" in height and weighing approximately 160 pounds. Although the suspect was wearing a hockey mask, witnesses told police he had a beard, brown eyes and black hair.

## Suspect Arrested

Way in Mira Mesa with his girlfriend, San Diego police reported.

The suspect, William A. "Skip" McCorkle, 30, was arrested Oct. 5 in Baltimore, Md. on a \$500,000 warrant, Cohen said. McCorkle appeared at an extradition hearing the next day. Cohen, however, said he didn't know

"at this point if he's going to wave his extradition rights, or try to fight it."

McCorkle was seen arguing with Bland, apparently about money, shortly before the shooting, police reported. Bland, 39, died several days later in a hospital without regaining consciousness.

According to witnesses interviewed by police, the robber entered the Southwest Bank building at 4:30 p.m. The witnesses, bank employees and customers inside the bank at the time of the incident, reported hearing a gunshot. Then they heard a man yelling, "This is a stick-up. Everyone down on the floor — and stay down."

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One of the bank tellers told police she heard a gunshot and saw the suspect approach her booth. The suspect told her to take money out and put it on the counter.

A second bank teller told police the gunman ordered her to "get all the money out of the second and bottom drawer." She stated two other tellers started helping her. She said the robber then told another teller to put money in a bag, a gray backpack that he threw at them.

Several witnesses recalled the suspect calling for the branch manager. The manager told police he heard the suspect say, "I need to get into the ATM."

Witnesses reported the branch manager told the robber that he needed another person to get into the Automated Teller Machine. The suspect said it was taking too long, took car keys from a female customer and left.

That customer was sitting at the "New Accounts" desk as the gunman entered the bank. She was then ordered to lie on the floor with the others. As the gunman grew impatient he came toward the female customer and kicked her in the head. She told police he asked her what kind of car she was driving. Not understanding what the gunman was asking, she replied that it was "white." The suspect grabbed her car keys from her hand and fled out the front door with the money and escaped with the woman's 1980 Pontiac Bonneville.

The police reported finding two bullet holes in the ceiling of the bank and found the security camera near the ATM machine damaged.

The getaway car was recovered in the 12700 block of Treena St.