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ROBBERY SUSPECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

On January 14, 2014 at 8:00 p.m., a black male entered the Verizon Wireless store located at 3702 Plaza Drive in Oceanside. The suspect was masked and armed with a handgun. He forced the clerk into a back room and demanded cash and iPhones. He struck the clerk with the handgun and fled the business.

On January 24, 2014 1:24 p.m., a black male entered the Verizon Wireless store at 4225 Oceanside Boulevard at gunpoint. He stole over 30 phones (mostly iPhones) and fled in a white SUV type vehicle.

Detectives of the Oceanside Police department followed up on several possible leads and identified a suspect, Damian McDowell Green (DOB 02/13/1992). Acting on a request from the detectives, members of the United States Marshall's office conducted surveillance on Green. On January 31, 2014 COV Detectives and U.S. Marshalls tracked Green to a residence in Aguanga. The U.S. Marshalls and Oceanside Police Detectives arrested Green at his residence without incident.

In the residence detectives located items linking Green to the robberies in Oceanside. During an interview at the Oceanside Police Department, Green admitted to a total of five armed robberies. He confessed to the two robberies in Oceanside, in addition to robberies in Mira Mesa, Encinitas, and Poway.

This case came together as a result of tenacious follow up by the detectives, cooperation with patrol units and the cooperation of the United States Marshal's office.