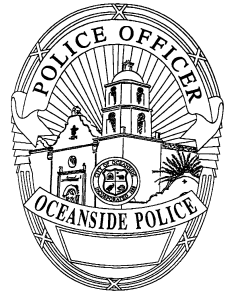




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REWARD OFFERED FOR BIG 5 ROBBERY INFORMATION

On December 5, 2011 the Big 5 Sporting Goods Store was robbed by three men at gunpoint. A significant number of firearms (rifles and shotguns) were stolen during the robbery. The suspects are still outstanding. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has offered a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects responsible for the robbery. "A gun theft like this is a precursor to a violent crime and ATF and OPD will do whatever necessary to get these guns off the street," said John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge ATF Los Angeles Field Division. "We cannot do this alone; we are asking for the public's help in recovering these stolen firearms and have offered a reward for the public's assistance."

San Diego County Crime Stoppers has offered an additional \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the robbery suspects, making the total reward \$6,000.

Anyone with information regarding the robberies can contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 1-888-580-8477 or ATF Gun Hotline 1-800-ATF-GUNS; (800) 283-4867

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