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Suspect Arrested for Multiple Banks Robberies

Mission Viejo, Ca. (August 26, 2024): On Friday, August 23, 2024, Orange County Sheriff's deputies arrested Che Lewis, 30, of Mission Viejo in connection with several bank robberies. Lewis was arrested prior to committing a bank robbery at the U.S. Bank in Anaheim.

On July 8, 2024, investigators began investigating two separate bank robberies that occurred in the cities of Mission Viejo and Ladera Ranch. On August 8, 2024, an additional bank robbery occurred in Ladera Ranch.

Based off evidence left at the scene and using investigative techniques, Lewis was believed to be responsible for each of these bank robberies as well as an additional attempted bank robbery in Ladera Ranch that occurred on August 7, 2024.

On August 23, Lewis was arrested by the Orange County Sheriff's South Directed Enforcement Team (SDET) while attempting an additional bank robbery in the city of Anaheim. Lewis was booked into the Orange County Jail for attempted robbery while pending additional charges.

Investigators believe Lewis may also be involved in additional bank robberies throughout Orange County as well as in additional counties. Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-7000. Anonymous tips may also be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227) or at occrimestoppers.org.

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