

# NEWS



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## **SUNNYVALE DETECTIVES RELEASE SKETCH OF ACCOMPLICE IN ROBBERY**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – After interviewing the victim of the robbery that occurred at Mac’s Coins & Collectibles on August 8 at 2:30 p.m., Sunnyvale detectives are releasing a sketch, description and a video still of a female accomplice.

During the interview of the victim, it was discovered that the door to Mac’s Coins at 380 Altair Way in Sunnyvale is always locked, requiring potential customers to be either buzzed in or an employee to manually open the door from the inside. Just prior to the robbery yesterday, a female appeared outside of the door and knocked to gain access. A lone female employee of the store walked to the door, pushed it open for the “customer” to enter the store and then turned to walk back to the counter. At that time, the female “customer” held the door open for two masked men to enter the store and commit the robbery.

The two masked suspects attacked the female employee, knocking her to the ground and then used “zip ties” to bind her hands and feet. The suspects then proceeded to smash the display cases with a hammer they had brought with them. They took an unknown amount of coins, gold and other collectibles.

The victim described the female accomplice as a Latina female in her mid-20’s, between 5’4” and 5’6” tall with a heavier build. The female accomplice is described as having brown eyes and dark brown hair. The only description on the male suspects is that they are of Latino descent.

Anyone with additional information related to the case is asked to contact Sunnyvale Public Safety at (408) 730-7120 or to email information anonymously to [SVTIP@tipnow.org](mailto:SVTIP@tipnow.org).

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Attached:

- Original August 8, 2012, Sunnyvale DPS News Release
- Sketch of female accomplice
- Video still of female accomplice.

**SUNNYVALE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT:** 8/8/12 @ 1430 Hrs.  
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**PERSON PREPARING PRESS RELEASE:** Capt. D. Verbrugge  
**INCIDENT #:** CR12-6637

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**TYPE OF CRIME / INCIDENT:** Armed Robbery

**SUMMARY OF EVENTS:**

On 8/8/12 at approximately 1430 hours Sunnyvale Public Safety received a call of masked men exiting Mac's Coin store, located at 380 Altair Way. Within a few minutes, dispatchers started receiving calls of a car fire in the underground parking garage of the Plaza Del Sol, located at 200 W. Evelyn Ave. This parking garage is located a few hundred yards away from the store that was robbed. Fire personnel responded to the underground parking garage while Patrol personnel went to the scene of the suspicious persons in ski masks.

When officers arrived at the store they found the store was robbed by the masked men. According to the lone female clerk, the suspects entered the store, struck her with an unknown object and then bound her hands and feet. They then smashed the display cases and took an unknown amount of property and fled from the store. Witnesses outside the store saw the masked robbers enter a white four door Nissan and flee into the parking garage. Moments later the car fire was reported inside the parking structure. Once the vehicle was extinguished officers determined the vehicle that was on fire matched the description of the car the suspects fled in.

At this time it is believed the suspects had a second vehicle parked in the garage and used the fire as a diversion. Detectives from the Investigations Division are interviewing witnesses and attempting to obtain video tape from the surrounding businesses. The victim's injuries were minor and did not require further medical attention. Any witnesses to the incident are requested to contact Sunnyvale Detectives at (408) 730-7120.

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