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Campus police seek information on suspects in cafe robbery

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Police need your help in finding the individuals responsible for the robbery of the Jazzman Café on March 2, 2007

"We have exhausted all leads and have inactivated the case. We've gone as far as we could go," said Lt. Ric Yorke of campus police.

The campus police do not have a sketch of the suspects, because they do not have the ability, according to Lt. Yorke.

The police were able to release a description of the suspects. The suspects were three black males in their early 20s wearing hooded sweat-

shirts, with the hoods covering their faces. The gun used in the robbery was a silver revolver handgun.

The suspect holding the gun is six feet tall, of thin build, dark complexioned, with braided hair and a large diamond type earring in the left ear. He was wearing a white hooded, zip up, Louis Vuitton sweatshirt with Luis Vuitton symbols covering it.

Although this crime could have been pre-mediated, Yorke believes it was a crime of opportunity.

"There are no similarities between the other robberies in Bakersfield and this one. The door to the café was open; these men were walking

on campus, saw this opportunity and took it. At this point in time we believe that these individuals were not CSUB students," said Yorke.

Many schools and businesses have a tip hotline where people can phone in tips or other information, which may or may not lead to an arrest, but CSUB does not have one because the crime rate is low, according to Yorke.

There are many ways to prevent these types of crimes including installing cameras.

"No cameras will be installed at the Café, because of economics it is not an option. The decision to install cameras would be up to the business. However we are working on reeducating those persons who handle money," said

Yorke

In these changing times it is necessary for campus police to have an emergency plan in case of a hostage situation.

"On campus we have an incident command system, which is the way we manage a critical incident or emergency. In simple terms, it is a process by which we solve the problem. We also have a Mutual Aid system where we can call in the Bakersfield police Department, the Kern County Sheriff, or other law enforcement, as needed," said Yorke.

For those with information about this robbery please call the campus police at 654-2111.