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## **'100's and Armed Bandit' and two other men arrested for bank robbery**

ORANGE – A man suspected of robbing Orange County banks and gas stations as the "100's and Armed Bandit" has been arrested, police said.

Two other men were arrested in connection with the string of robberies, police said.

Erik Holland, 47, was arrested Monday night at his home on Cherry Street in Brea, Orange police Sgt. Dan Adams said.

Video surveillance from a robbery at a gas station in Orange captured the robber's vehicle, a Volkswagen Jetta. Detectives got a partial license plate and found a matching vehicle through DMV records, Adams said.

The vehicle was registered to Jacob Smith, 20, of Lakewood. On Monday, detectives found the vehicle at El Dorado Park in Long Beach and spotted Smith and Conor Verdun, 32, of Long Beach, walking near the vehicle, Adams said.

Detectives recognized Verdun from surveillance video of robberies in Orange, Adams said. The men were arrested with the help of Long Beach police.

The arrests led detectives to Holland, who is believed to be responsible for at least five bank robberies in Orange County and one in Los Angeles County, Adams said. A replica handgun was found at his home during a search, he said.

Holland is also suspected in five gas station robberies, Adams said.

Holland is on active parole for robbery, Adams said. He has been charged with 10 felony counts of robbery and 10 felony counts of burglary, according to court records. He is being held at the Orange County Jail without bail.

Holland was nicknamed the "100's and Armed Bandit" because he typically demanded one-hundred dollar bills and used a handgun during some of the robberies, police said.

Verdun has been charged with three felony counts of robbery, one count of attempted robbery and three counts of burglary, according to court records. Smith is facing two counts of felony robbery, one count of attempted robbery and two counts of burglary, court records show.

Verdun and Smith are being held at the Orange County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Adams said Verdun and Holland are friends and former coworkers. They are suspected of committing one gas-station robbery in Orange. Smith and Verdun are friends and are believed to have carried out three gas station robberies and one street robbery in Irvine. Smith does not appear to know Holland, police said.