

PRESS RELEASE



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***** Robbery Suspect Arrested – Uses Replica Handgun *****

Seal Beach Police Seeking Public's Help in Identifying Additional Potential Victims

Seal Beach, CA. – On February 29th, 2016 Alex Preciado of Anaheim was arrested for a robbery committed at the “Kohl’s” Department store at 12345 Seal Beach Bl.

At 2:39 p.m. Seal Beach Police Officers responded to Kohl’s regarding a theft in progress. Officers arrived on scene prior to the suspect leaving the business. They were given a description of the suspect and took up positions outside the front door of the store. As the suspect exited the store he was confronted by loss prevention personnel. The suspect turned to face the Kohl’s employees and pulled out a handgun from his waistband. He was confronted by Seal Beach Police Officers and dropped the gun. The suspect fled and was caught after a brief foot pursuit. The handgun was later determined to be a CO2 pellet gun.

Chief of Police Joe Stilinovich Quote: “The Police Officers responding to this call were faced with a split-second decision to use deadly force. They recognized that there were bystanders that could get hurt, and exercised commendable restraint in not shooting the suspect pulling a gun out of his waistband.”

Preciado was booked at the Seal Beach Detention Center on multiple charges. The gun and property were recovered. Preciado has lengthy criminal record with prior criminal convictions.

Seal Beach Police Detectives are seeking the public’s assistance with identifying possible additional victim’s. A copy of the video surveillance footage of the confrontation, a booking photograph of the suspect and a photograph of the gun are included with this press release. If you recognize the suspect or have information regarding additional crimes, please contact Detective Chris Hendrix at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1109.
