



# Chowchilla Police Department

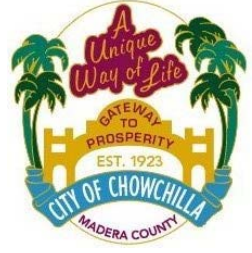
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### PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** March 22, 2008  
**To:** Media  
**From:** Sergeant Ruben Mendoza  
**Subject:** Armed Bank Robbery

On Friday, March 21, 2008 at approximately 9:06 a.m., Tri-Counties Bank in Chowchilla was robbed four minutes after they opened for business. The armed suspect entered the bank through the west double doors of the bank with a handgun, demanding money from the bank teller. The suspect then fled the scene with an unknown amount of cash. No one was hurt during the robbery.

The suspect was dressed in disguise wearing bulky light colored gray sweats and a hood. A white baseball cap with a black (unknown) logo on the front of the baseball cap. The suspect had a full facial beard and wore sunglasses. The suspect entered the bank carrying a large black satchel draped over his left shoulder and across his chest.

Chowchilla Police would like to talk with anyone who was in the area of Tri-Counties Bank, near Trinity Ave., Fourth St., Orange Ave. or Third St. on March 21, 2008 at approximately 9:00 a.m. If anyone has any information regarding this bank robbery, Chowchilla Police Department encourages the public to come forth and report the information.

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