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SFPD Quickly Arrests Bank Robbery Suspect 25-116

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Investigation reveals suspect robbed at least three separate banks in the Central District

On September 10, 2025, at approximately 12:02 p.m., San Francisco Police officers assigned to Central Station responded to a bank located on the 1100 block of Grant Avenue regarding a robbery activation. Upon arrival, officers learned that the male suspect entered the business and passed a note to an employee demanding money. Fearing for their safety, the employee complied and provided the suspect with a bag of U.S. currency. The suspect then fled from the area with the money.

The SFPD Robbery Unit was notified of the incident and responded to the scene to take over the investigation.

With assistance from SFPD Ambassadors and leads from the community, investigators were able to identify the bank robbery suspect as 62-year-old Valentino Luchin of San Francisco. Further investigation revealed that Luchin lived in the Central District. Officers formulated a strategic plan that led to Luchin's apprehension without further incident.

On the same day, two additional bank robberies occurred in the Central District involving a similar suspect description and modus operandi (MO). Officers determined that the suspect who committed these robberies was Luchin.

Luchin was transported to San Francisco County Jail and booked on the charge of robbery (211 PC), attempted robbery (664/211 PC 2nd), and robbery (211 PC 2nd degree).

Due to the hard work of Central District officers, investigators, and SFPD Ambassadors, the suspect was swiftly identified and apprehended.

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