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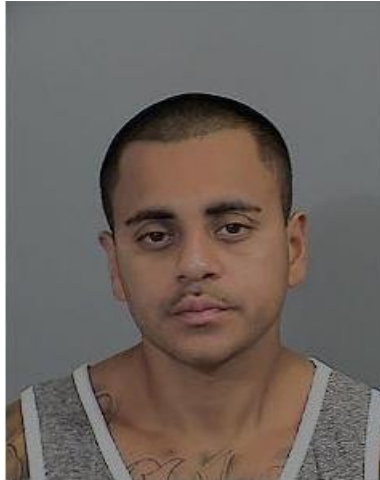


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Michael Anthony Ruelas

Update on Bank Robbery Suspect

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Oakdale, CA – Oakdale Police have reason to believe the suspect responsible for the robbery is Michael Anthony Ruelas, a 30-year-old wanted parolee and are asking for the public's assistance in locating him.

UPDATE: Police have reason to believe the suspect responsible for the robbery is Michael Anthony Ruelas, aka: "Bandit", a 30-year-old Hispanic male adult, 5'05", 172 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He has multiple tattoos including a tattoo of musical notes behind his left ear. Ruelas is a parolee and currently wanted for a parole violation and robbery. He is reportedly transient and frequents the Modesto, Ceres and Turlock areas. He is associated with a white Mercedes-Benz, E320 sedan, California License # 5VOW698.

On February 7, 2019, at approximately 12:41 p.m., Oakdale Police received reports a robbery occurred at Valley First Credit Union located at 126 West "F" Street. The suspect, described as a Hispanic male adult in his 20's, wearing a grey jacket, approached a bank teller and produced a note demanding money. After receiving cash, the suspect fled southbound from the bank on foot and was possibly seen a short time later northwest of the bank in the Poplar area. Crime Scene Investigators are currently on scene processing evidence.

Citizens with any information regarding this incident are encouraged to call Oakdale Police at 209-847-2231. Citizens may also contact Crime Stoppers at 209-521-4636 and can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward. Anyone observing Ruelas and/or his associated vehicle should call 9-1-1 immediately.



Vehicle depicted above similar to suspect vehicle.