

Armed Robber Wore Bandana



(Courtesy photo)
Española Police Det. George Martinez is asking for the public's help to identify this man, seen in surveillance footage from Sunday night, robbing the Giant gas station on Paseo de Oñate at gunpoint. Martinez can be reached at 747-6003.

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pack of Marlboro light cigarettes and a bottle of Patrón tequila.

Officer Cody Martinez, who first responded, wrote in an incident report that the armed robber held the gun to Salazar's head while demanding he open the register.

While the armed man confronted Salazar and brought him to the register, Sanchez went to the bathroom to try to call 911, but her cell phone had no service.

"Mr. Salazar said he approached the register and attempted to open it but was too nervous and the suspect told him hurry up or ill (sic) shoot you," Cody Martinez wrote. "Mr. Salazar was able to open the register and Mr. Salazar stepped away while the male empties the register of all the paper currency."

George Martinez said, based on viewing the surveillance footage, the armed robber appeared to take a police or military stance when moving, keeping the gun trained in front of him. As he left the store, he still had the gun held in front of him, as he walked backward out of the door.

Although the convenience store was empty, except for the two employees, the situation could have easily escalated into a shooting.

"At any time, if someone had walked out of the bathroom and freaked him out, he could have discharged his weapon and hit somebody," George Martinez said.

He has three solid leads, which should help identify at least one of the armed robbers.

The man armed with the gun had a piercing above his left eyebrow and the car the pair left in was a newer model sedan, evidenced by the turn signal lights on its mirrors.

George Martinez said Salazar ran out of the store, shortly after the robbers left, in an attempt to get their license plate number. However, the pair parked across the street at the old RHOC Express, directly across from the Giant, and he was only able to see them take a left down Fairview Lane.

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that he and his wife, Lianne Martinez, were directing all questions to their Santa Fe lawyer Dan Cron.

Cron's secretary said he was in a meeting and would call a *Rio Grande SUN* reporter back. He had not called back by presstime.

The raids on Trujillo's and Torres's houses came seven days after the District was served with a search warrant naming Trujillo, Torres and Martinez as the targets of the Jan. 13 search warrant.

State Police Spokesperson Sgt. Elizabeth Armijo wrote in an email that the Attorney General's Office investigators asked State Police officers to act as security while they served the two warrants.

"State Police officers maintained the scene perimeter for security purposes only," Armijo wrote. "Officers were located at two perimeters. They did not assist in any other way."

Investigator Jon Bergevin prevented a *Rio Grande SUN* reporter from advancing up the private drive on which Trujillo's house sits, while investigators did their search.

He and two armed State Police officers approached the reporter and demanded that he not proceed any further up the easement, which was 10-feet from the back of an Attorney General's Office official's car, even though there was no crime scene tape or other markings of a police boundary.

He said that the owners of the private drive may be able to force anyone who is not law enforcement off the easement.

Bergevin said he could not say anything about what he was doing and directed all questions to Office Spokesman James Hallinan.

Hallinan wrote in an email, that he could neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation.

When questioned as to why investigators were directing questions to him, he repeated the same statement. When questioned again, he simply wrote that he already sent the Office's statement.

Rio Arriba County Manager Tomas Campos wrote in a series of text messages, that the County had not been served with any search warrants.

"I don't know anything about it," Campos wrote, referring to the search warrant served on Trujillo's house.

He wrote that the only requests the County has received from the Attorney General's Office have been Inspection of Public Records Act requests filed in relation to the piecemeal building of the La Arbolera park in Chimayó, which exceeded \$1 million in expenditures.

"We fully cooperated," Campos wrote. "Nothing to hide on my end."

Rio Arriba Sheriff's Office Capt. Randy Sanches said investigators notified them about the warrants as a courtesy, but deputies had no involvement with them.

Bergevin has submitted public record requests to the County and the District requesting contract documentation from Torres, Trujillo and David Jason Vigil, foreman for Enchantment Painting, Fencing and Landscaping, LLC.

Vigil and Enchantment did much of the work on the La Arbolera project, even though Vigil was mostly unlicensed to perform many of the tasks, including installation of the playground equipment.

The first search warrant

When the District was raided Jan. 13, Attorney General's Office investigators seized emails, computers and other electronic data related to the communications of Torres, Trujillo, Superintendent Eric Martinez, and former superintendents Danny Trujillo and Bobbie Gutierrez, part of a list of 25 people from whom they wanted the communications.

Trujillo, Torres and Lianne Martinez are listed as the targets of the search warrant.

The District's Records Custodian, Crystal Garcia, said in a telephone interview Tuesday, that investigators told her and Superintendent Eric Martinez that the search warrant had been sealed and the only people who had read the 14 pages of probable cause for it were the investigators and District Court Judge Matthew Wilson, who approved it, Jan. 12.

The 14 pages of probable cause listed in the search warrant, as given to the District, have the word "REDACTED" pasted diagonally across them.

In order for a judge to grant a search warrant, he must be presented with probable cause that either a crime has been committed, or evidence of a crime is being concealed somewhere. If the judge finds there is probable cause, he will sign the warrant.

Garcia said she asked the investigators if the search warrant was related to the public records lawsuit filed by the Attorney General's Office, Jan. 12, seeking a judge to order the District to hand over 200,000 emails at a faster rate.

"When we were looking through (it) we noticed that there were additional names on the search warrant, as opposed to the original IPRA request," Garcia said. "They said, that's a completely different department and they're 'parallel issues,' that's how they said it."

School contracts

Trujillo and Torres both had contracts with the District to provide services.

Trujillo received, for three consecutive years, beginning in August 2014, a \$50,000 marketing contract with the District. His duties included creating pamphlets, creating a plan to attract students to the District and acting as spokesman.

In September 2015, Hallinan confirmed that the Attorney General's Office opened an inquiry into the contract Trujillo received, but would not elaborate.

On July 6, 2016, the Board approved Trujillo's contract for a third time.

Torres received lobbying contracts from the District, including a \$25,000 contract for the 2015 legislative session and an additional \$15,000 contract for lobbying for the 2017 session.

In March 2016, the Attorney General's Office confirmed it was investigating Torres's prior contracts with the District.

Before Torres received the lobbying contract, he was the project manager for the 2014 installation of playground equipment at the Alcalde and Sombrillo elementary schools, and his company, Painted Rock Group, received a \$56,356 contract to do work at Los Niños Kindergarten, following a change order.

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Hidden Figures PG	4:35 7:15 9:55 PM	1:55 4:35 7:15 9:55*PM	4:35 PM 7:15 PM
Split PG-13	4:50 7:25 10:00 PM	2:10 4:50 7:25 10:00*PM	4:50 PM 7:25 PM
A Dog Purpose PG	4:30 7:00 9:30 PM	2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30*PM	4:30 PM 7:00 PM
Moana 2D PG	5:00 PM	2:15 5:00 PM	5:00 PM
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The Resurrection R	7:35 10:05 PM	7:35 10:05*PM	7:35 PM
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