



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## Updated News Release

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### Solvang Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested

**Santa Barbara** – The suspect wanted for robbing a bank in Solvang on June 13, 2019 is in custody at the Santa Barbara County Jail. Following the bank robbery, Sheriff's detectives developed information that identified 32-year-old Marcus Lee Ghent of Madera County as the suspect in the case.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 a felony arrest warrant was sought for Ghent, charging him with burglary and robbery. On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office was notified that Ghent was contacted by the Wright Police Department in Missouri during a welfare check. When officers discovered he had a warrant out of Santa Barbara County for a bank robbery, he was arrested. Ghent was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Warren County Jail in Missouri. On June 27<sup>th</sup> Ghent voluntarily waived extradition back to Santa Barbara County.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Felony Fugitive Unit extradited Marcus Ghent back to Santa Barbara CA. He was booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail and is being held on \$100,000 bail. Ghent appeared in court today for his arraignment. His next court appearance is on July 10.

The Sheriff's Office is investigating the possibility that Ghent could be linked to an additional bank robbery in another California county. At this time, it does not appear he had any specific tie to Santa Barbara County or the Solvang area.







## **Public Assistance Requested to Help Locate Bank Robbery Suspect**

**Solvang-** At approximately 11:40 a.m. today, June 13, 2019, the Rabobank located in the 1500 block of Mission Drive was robbed. The suspect passed a note to the teller demanding cash. No weapon was seen. He left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was last seen on foot headed northbound on Fourth Street. As a precautionary measure, nearby Solvang Elementary School was placed on a brief lockdown.

Sheriff's deputies assisted by several K-9 teams and a Santa Barbara County Sheriff/Fire Air Support Unit helicopter searched the area for the suspect, but he was not located.

The suspect is described as a white male adult in his thirties, approximately 5'8" tall, with a thin to medium build and green or blue eyes. He was wearing a black long sleeve shirt with an image of an alien and writing on the sleeves, white pants and a white Under Armor hat with a black logo.

Anyone with information is asked to call the non-emergency dispatch line at 805-683-2724 or to leave an anonymous tip, please call 805-681-4171. You can also go to our website at <https://www.sbsheriff.org/home/anonymous-tip/>.