



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Arrest for Criminal Threats - Santee

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### SYNOPSIS:

On July 13, 2017, at 6:17 p.m., deputies from the Sheriff's Santee Station responded to reports that an unknown suspect had brandished a gun at a Home Depot employee at 255 Town Center Parkway, Santee. Initial reports indicated that the incident occurred in the Home Depot parking lot and that the suspect fled on foot. After receiving reports from citizens, deputies located the suspect hiding in the restroom of the nearby IHOP restaurant at 9708 Mission Gorge Road. He was taken into custody at the restaurant, and was found to be in possession of an airsoft pistol. The investigation revealed that the suspect confronted Home Depot employees in the parking lot and threatened one of them with the airsoft gun. This occurred after the suspect had just been questioned inside the store by other employees regarding possible theft. No theft had occurred, however. No injuries resulted from this incident. The suspect was booked into the San Diego County Jail for criminal threats and resisting arrest.