



## **INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE**

Date and Time of Release: **Friday, January 18, 2019 / 4:45 P.M.**

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Subject: **Robbery**

Suspect: **White Male Adult, last seen wearing a gray long sleeve sweat shirt hoody, blue jeans, white tennis shoes and long thin brown hair. Last seen armed with a knife.**

Vehicle: **Newer model unknown make white minivan unknown license plates.**

Anonymous Information: **Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers 341-STOP (7867)**  
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On Friday, January 18, 2019, about 11:52 am, Indio Police responded to the Denny's Restaurant, 82-120 Hwy 111, reference a robbery incident that had just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers were told by the restaurant employees a white male adult that was eating inside the restaurant, approached the front counter area and the suspect threaten the employees with a knife demanding money. The suspect grabbed the money from the cash register and as the suspect was leaving the front counter area the suspect with the knife injured two restaurant employees. Both employees' injuries were minor and no one else was injured during the incident. The suspect walked out the front doors of the business and was last seen driving away from the north parking lot. The suspect vehicle was described as a newer model unknown make white minivan unknown license plates.

At about 1:15pm, an Indio Police Officer spotted a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect vehicle with a white male adult in the driver's seat also matching the description of the suspect parked in the visitor's parking lot at the Indio Police Department, 46-800 Jackson Street. The suspect was arrested without incident and the money was recovered. The suspect was identified as Christopher Scott Friedman, age 51, from Indio. Friedman was booked into the Riverside County Jail in Indio for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon charges. Booking photo is currently not available.

***For more information contact: Indio Police PIO – (760) 541-4500***