

## Armed Robbery of Seal Beach Starbucks

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The Seal Beach Police Department reported that last night, at around 8:20 pm, a Hispanic man held up the Starbucks at Seal Beach Blvd. and Westminster Ave. The lone suspect was brandishing a firearm, but there were no customers in the shop at the time and none of the employees were injured. The robber probably is not a Starbucks customer, because if he was, he would know they keep very little cash in the register.

Anybody who has tried to get their morning coffee at Starbucks with a \$50 or \$100 bill knows that Starbucks doesn't keep anything larger than a \$10 bill in their registers. One customer told [www.OC180NEWS.com](http://www.OC180NEWS.com) when she has only a \$100 bill, she has Starbucks put the change on a gift card, because they usually can't—or won't—break a bill larger than a twenty.

According to the statement from the Seal Beach PD, the suspect forced "several employees to the floor before emptying the cash register of its contents. No vehicle was seen and the suspect left on foot." Sergeant Steve Bowles, Seal Beach Police Department, told us the Starbucks employees called the police department after the robber left the store.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male adult, 37-50 years of age, 6'-0", 200-250 lbs., dark or black colored hair, mustache, wearing a dark watch cap, denim shirt and black pants. Bowles told [www.OC180NEWS.com](http://www.OC180NEWS.com) Starbucks has surveillance photos of the suspect, but he has not yet been identified.