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Two street robberies happened within three hours of each other earlier this week, late Sunday night and early Monday morning.

A woman was mugged on Estudillo Avenue near San Jose Street at around 10 p.m. Sunday night. A man approached her as she was walking and demanded that she give him money, according to Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police. The suspect was holding his waistband and the victim thought he might have a gun.

The victim gave up her valuables and the suspect ran to a car, which drove off down Estudillo Avenue.

The suspect is described as a black male adult with short hair and a thin build. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans.

In the second robbery, a man was mugged by armed suspects on Hays Street near Castro Street early Monday morning around 1 a.m., according to Brandt, who said the two robberies didn't appear to be connected.

Two suspects approached the man and demanded his belongings. They both had handguns. The victim complied and the suspects ran off.

The suspects are both described as Hispanic male juveniles and they were both wearing black hooded sweatshirts at the time of the robbery.

Brandt says that street robberies are on the upswing in San Leandro and throughout the Bay Area, particularly in cases where people are districted by cell phones.

There were 23 robberies in San Leandro in January, the most recent month statistics have been reported.

Anyone with information about either crime is asked to call the police's anonymous tip line at 577-3278.