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Two San Leandro women were robbed in their parked cars at gunpoint this past week.

The first incident happened Saturday around 4:30 a.m. on the 100 block of Castro Street. A woman was sitting in her parked car when a man approached, brandished a handgun and demanded her money, according to Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police.

The victim screamed and the suspect ran away without getting anything, Brandt said. The suspect is described as a man of unknown race with a thin build who was wearing a hooded sweatshirt at the time of the crime.

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The second crime happened Monday evening around 8:30 p.m. on the 1600 block of Hays Street. The woman parked her car and was approached by two men, Brandt said.

Both of the men had guns and pointed them at the victim and demanded her money and she cooperated, Brandt said.

Once they got the cash, the two suspects ran away. One of the men is described as a black male between 20 and 25 years old, about 5-foot-10, with a large build. He was wearing a mask and a hooded sweatshirt and dark pants at the time of the robbery.

The other suspect is described as a black male adult, also about 5-foot-10 but with a thin build. He was also wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

Brandt said that because both robberies were similar and relatively close together geographically, police believe they may be connected,

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“They could potentially be related,” said Brandt. “The main thing that people need to park in well-lit areas, and always be aware of their surroundings. And if you see someone loitering or maybe looking suspicious, move on and don’t park there and report it to the police.”