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AUTO BODY REPAIR SCAM SUSPECT

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DETAILS: On Thursday, July 03, 2014 at 11:45 A.M., the above-pictured suspect entered **WILSHIRE BANK**, 2424 Sepulveda Blvd inquiring about who owned a white Lexus that was parked in front of the location. He represented himself as a current **LEXUS** auto body employee who was offering to repair paint damage on the victim's vehicle for \$400. The suspect took the victim to his vehicle that was parked several stalls away and opened his trunk, showing her painting supplies and a notebook with previous auto body repairs he had completed. After agreeing to let him work on her vehicle for the negotiated price, the victim was approached by a customer who warned that she believed it was a scam that she had been the victim of a few months prior. The suspect had already begun painting the victim's rear bumper indiscriminately with primer when she asked him to stop because she had changed her mind. At that time, the suspect crouched down and painted a smiley face on the victim's vehicle's bumper before leaving.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION: Hispanic male adult, in his 30s, 5'9" tall, 180 lbs, shaved head, wearing a beige and brown **LEXUS** work shirt and dark pants.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: White Dodge Charger, 2-Door (actual vehicle in images below)



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