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■ **Security Alert**

**Face Obscuring Hoodies**

The photos below are of a new sweatshirt that a store in a Southern California mall began selling this past fall. Over last Halloween there was a skeleton looking version but this one disturbs me even more. The photos attached show how the sweatshirt can be worn up to and including completely obscuring the individual's features. These hoodies are being sold at Up Against the Wall for \$68.00.



This photo shows the hood zipped-up, completely obscuring the subjects face. A subject wearing this type of garment could instantly cover their face, making identification impossible.



The above photo shows the hoodie with the hood over the subject's head.

This information is being provided for informational purposes to better equip your staff and security volunteer teams. The subject in the picture should not be assumed to have violated any law.