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Media Release

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Re: Bank Robber Identified and Successfully Captured

Date: December 29, 2011

Case Number: 2011-44699

Suspect:
Timothy Smith DOB 12/07/1972
Transient

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office investigated a bank robbery that occurred on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at approximately 3:35 p.m. at the Bank of America located at 9223 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville (Cortez Blvd and Commercial Way). The suspect was described as a heavysset W/M approximately in his mid 30's, 6'00", 250-275 lbs. The robber was last seen wearing a baseball cap, dark sunglasses, and a dark colored sweatshirt.

Our Crime Analysis Unit quickly developed an alert bulletin with the suspect's photo which was distributed throughout the agency to all law enforcement officers. During the evening briefing prior to the night shift beginning, the deputies coming on duty reviewed the bank robbery suspect's photos. Deputy Christopher Calderon recognized the suspect as a Timothy Smith who he had recently had contact with while on patrol. Timothy Smith was positively identified as the bank robber.

On December 28, 2011, a warrant was issued for Smith for the bank robbery. Major Case Investigators developed additional information which revealed that Smith may still be within Hernando County operating his silver Ford van. Deputy Sheriffs were alerted and later that evening canvassed the area in search of Smith. Deputies located Timothy Smith sleeping in his van in the Walmart parking lot at 13300 Cortez Blvd. Timothy was successfully taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held on a \$50,000 bond. This investigation is still ongoing and search warrants will be obtained and executed in an effort to locate the stolen currency.

“Successfully identifying and capturing a bank robber, especially one who initially gets away from the scene, takes a whole team of Sheriff’s Office people,” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. “Credit for this capture goes to Patrol, Forensics, Crime Analysis, and my detectives. If any one area was not committed to this investigation, Mr. Smith would still be at large and would continue to be a danger to the community. It is an understatement to say they are committed”.



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