



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

August 11, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Bank Robbery Arrest

On Wednesday August 10, 2011 at approximately 8:51 a.m. the Newark Police 911 Center received a call from the Fulton Bank located at 281 East Main Street. The bank advised that they had just received a phone call stating that the bank had bombs placed throughout it. The bank was instructed to place an envelope with money, outside of the front door.

Newark Police responded to the location and set up a perimeter. As one officer drove onto Tyre Avenue, he immediately noticed a subject on a cell phone attempting to look down the street towards the bank, while standing behind a utility pole. The subject was stopped and questioned by the officer. After a search of the subject's cell phone, Fulton Bank's phone number was the last number dialed.

The bank was evacuated and an explosive sniffing K9 from the University of Delaware Police Department responded and cleared the bank. A fake bomb device was located in a trash can outside of the bank.

On 1/24/2011 the Newark Police also investigated a similar style bank robbery at the PNC Bank in the Newark Shopping Center; (please see the original press release). Evidence located during this investigation, linked the defendant to that case.

The defendant was identified as:

Walter F. Aksamit DOB 3/13/1958 (Photo Attached)
1804 N. Salisbury Blvd.
Salisbury, MD 21801

The defendant was charged in both cases. He was charged with 1 count of Robbery 1st Degree, 1 count of Attempted Robbery 1st Degree and 2 counts of Terroristic Threatening through Justice of the Peace Court #2. The defendant was committed to Howard Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$52,000 secured bail.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or Michael.Watson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

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NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

January 24, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: PNC Bank Robbery

On Monday January 24th, 2011 at 9:16 am the Newark Police Department was alerted by PNC Bank, located at 230 E. Main Street (Newark Shopping Center) that the branch had just been robbed by an unknown suspect threatening to detonate an explosive device. Upon arrival, officers learned that an unknown suspect had called the bank and demanded that an undisclosed amount of cash be placed outside the bank. The caller indicated that there was an explosive device inside the bank and that it would be detonated if his demand was not met. Shortly after the money was left outside, an unknown suspect approached on foot, removed the money and left the area on foot towards East Main Street.

Upon the arrival of officers the interior and exterior of the bank were checked with the assistance of an explosive sniffing canine from the New Castle County Police Department. No explosive device was located.

The suspect is described as a male subject wearing a dark colored jacket and light colored pants. Video surveillance still photos of the suspect are attached.

PNC Bank is offering up to a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to contact Det. Mike Watson at 302-366-7110 ext 133 or michael.watson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

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