



## **D E T E C T I V E S   C O R N E R**

### **BANK ROBBERY**

#### **A First For Atlantis - 6/27/06**

The City of Atlantis had its first Bank Robbery on June 27, 2006. Eight months later, on March 26, 2007, it had its second. The first case remains an open investigation. In the second case, a 31 year old resident of West Palm Beach was identified and later arrested on State and Federal warrants filed by the Atlantis Police Department.

John Henry Thompson, Jr. was arrested on 12/10/07 in Rochester, N.Y. after an extensive search by officers from the Atlantis Police Department, Palm Beach County Violent Crimes Task Force, the F.B.I. and the U. S. Marshall's office. Thompson waived extradition and was returned to West Palm Beach where he later pled guilty to Bank Robbery and Grand Theft. On May 30, 2008, U.S. District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley sentenced Thompson to 151 months incarceration with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and ordered restitution to Bank of America of \$3,968.

#### **The Hunt Continues .....**



**Have you seen this person?** Bank surveillance cameras recorded this image of the person who walked into Bank of America at 100 JFK Drive at 3:20 p.m. on June 27, 2006. He walked to the customer counter where he wrote a demand note on a withdrawal slip. The note read, "This Is A Robbery"

The teller described the robber as a white male 28 to 35 years old, 5'7 to 5'10, who wore a straw hat and a blue pullover shirt with a "Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League" logo on the left side. He was further described as having blue eyes and a "pushed up nose".

After leaving the bank, the suspect ran south and was caught on video as he pulled off his shirt and got into a white Bronco II in the parking lot of the Divinci Building at 101 JFK Drive. Video from security cameras show the suspect as he got into the Bronco II and drove from the area.



(The suspect's vehicle, similar to this one, was all white with a black front "push bumper" and a spare tire mounted to the tailgate.)

The Bronco II was manufactured by Ford from 1984 to 1990.

Local newspapers printed a photograph of the suspect the day following the robbery. An 86 year old woman saw the photograph and has identified this white male as the person who knocked her down while grabbing her purse in the parking lot of the Bingo hall located just south of Lantana Road and east of Congress a few days before the bank robbery.

The suspect in this case did not display a weapon, however, he told the teller that he was armed and that he would kill her if she did not comply. Injuries suffered by the 86 year old woman in the parking lot of the Bingo hall indicate that the suspect has no hesitation in hurting someone. The elderly woman resisted the robbers attempt to steal her purse. He pulled her across the asphalt parking lot until she finally let go of her purse.

It is never worth risking injury to yourself or others in cases like this. Property can be replaced- you are "irreplaceable".

If you think you might know who this person is, contact myself or any other Atlantis Police officer.

Sincerely,

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