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Bank Robberies - Arrest

Shortly before 1:30 pm, Thursday, May 28th a suspect entered the Wachovia Bank, located at 100 N. Queen St, in Lancaster City, approached the teller, produced a note demanding money and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Shortly after 10:30 am, Monday, June 8th, a similarly described suspect entered the PNC Bank, located at 949 E. King St, in Lancaster Township, approached the teller, produced a note, demanding money and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

After both Robberies, detectives responded to the bank interviewed witnesses and processed both of the scenes for evidence. As a result, Lancaster Bureau of Police Evidence Specialist John Wary processed the demand note left at the scene of the Wachovia Robbery and was able to develop a latent print from this note.

As the investigation into both of these Bank Robberies continued, a tip was received from the public as to the possible identity of the robber from surveillance photographs which were published after the PNC Bank Robbery and a suspect was developed. This suspect being...

Richard Delbert Parrish Jr., 31
600 Blk High St.
Lancaster, Pa.
Formerly from West Palm Beach, Fla.

As a result, Detectives David Weiser and James Fatta, Lancaster Bureau of Police Fingerprint comparison and identification analysts, were able to identify the latent print discovered on the note as that of Parrish. It was additionally discovered that Parrish was wanted on an unrelated Outstanding Bench Warrant from Domestic Relations.

Shortly after 11:30 am, today, June 13th Detectives Jeffrey Bell and Nathan Nickel, along with Officer Eliud Tirado, went to the suspect's residence, where he was arrested on this unrelated warrant, without incident. Parrish was conveyed to the police station, where he was interviewed by Detectives Bell and Nickel and subsequently charged with 2 Counts of Robbery(F-1), by Det. Bell before Magisterial District Judge's Bruce Roth and Mary



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Sponaugle. A Lancaster County Probation Detainer was also issued for Parrish and he was held at the police station for arraignment.

The investigation into both of these Bank Robberies, particularly as it relates to the possible involvement of other individuals, is continuing and anyone with information is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300.

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