Bearded Bandit Gets $6,570 in Downtown Bank Robbery

By Patrick Harwood

The first customer this morning at Second National Bank at 151 Meeting St. was there to make a withdrawal. But not the usual legal kind.

According to a Charleston Police Department report, the man came to the counter and gave the teller a note demanding money and indicating he would hurt or kill her if she did not comply. He then lifted his shirt so she could see a semiautomatic handgun strapped to his chest, the report said.

After the teller gave him the cash in her drawer, which totaled $6,570, the suspect left without further incident, the report said.

He was seen getting into and leaving the scene in a late-model, red Ford-F150 pickup truck where a white male was behind the wheel, according to the report.

The suspect who went in the bank is described in the report as a white male, 20-25 years old, 5 feet 10 to 6 feet in height with a heavy build, dark hair and a beard. He was wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt, the report said.

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Charleston police are looking for a bearded man
and his accomplice who robbed a downtown bank this
morning.

Police say the Second National Bank at 151
Meeting Street had just opened when a man came
in…handed a teller a note threatening to hurt or kill
her if she didn’t give him the money.

Then he showed her a semi-automatic handgun
strapped to his chest. Police say the teller gave him
the money in her drawer…more than 65-hundred
dollars.

The suspect fled the scene in a red Ford 150 pickup
truck…engine running outside…his accomplice
behind the wheel.

The suspect who went in the bank is described as a
white male…20-to-25 years old…5-10-to-6 feet
tall…heavy build…with brown hair and a
beard…wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt.

The driver of the getaway car was also a white
man.

Police say so far…no arrests have been made.

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