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### **Bank Robber Arrested Minutes After Robbery**

*Same suspect tried to rob same bank last week, but bank was closed*

An Elkridge man planned to rob a PNC bank last week, but was thwarted when he arrived too late and found the bank was closed. Yesterday morning he carried out his plan at the same bank, only to be arrested minutes after taking off with the cash.

John Jakes, 54, of 7130 Ducketts Lane, was charged with robbery, attempted armed robbery, second degree assault and theft from the PNC bank in the 6200 block of Washington Blvd. in Elkridge.

Police received a report from bank employees Nov. 1 at 2:15 p.m. that a man had approached the bank dressed in a green hooded sweatshirt and mask, carrying a gun and a backpack. The employees watched the man as he pulled on the locked door and tried to get in. They called police and the man fled.

Yesterday, the same man arrived at the same bank at 9:30 a.m., wearing the same clothes. He entered the bank and grabbed an employee. He demanded money from a teller, put the money in his backpack and fled. He did not display a gun and no one was seriously injured.

As the suspect ran through a nearby parking lot, employees from a Jiffy Lube business saw a red dye pack explode inside the man's backpack and called police.

An officer arrived, saw the man driving off in a pick up truck and followed him directly to his home. The man tried to run from police, but was caught by patrol officers and arrested.

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Editor's note: See photos below captured from the first incident where the bank was closed during the attempt.

