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MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR RELEASE: Nov. 18, 2002
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INCIDENT: Bank Robbery
DATE/TIME: Nov. 18, 2002 2:18 p.m.
LOCATION: Farmers & Mechanics Bank
9501 Old Annapolis Rd.
Ellicott City, Md.

Police Searching for Suspect in Bank Robbery

Howard County Police are asking for the public's assistance in the search for a suspect who robbed an Ellicott City bank today. At approximately 2:18 p.m., the lone male suspect entered the Farmers & Mechanics Bank on Old Annapolis Road. He approached a teller and quietly demanded money. He took an undetermined amount of cash and fled the scene. No one was injured.

The suspect was seen running into a wooded area following the robbery.

The same bank was robbed on August 22, but police believe the cases are unrelated. Detectives arrested Billy Ray Smith of Westminster for the August crime.

Suspect: white male, 30s, 5'9", heavy build, goatee, wearing a white and red baseball cap with undetermined red writing, a dark jacket and blue jeans

Anyone with information concerning today's robbery should contact the Howard County Police Department at (410) 313-3200. Metro Crime Stoppers offers a reward of up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the individual involved in this incident.

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Editor's Note: Photographs of the suspect have been sent via email to media outlets throughout the region.