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Police Departments Join Forces in Search for Bank Robber *Banks All Located in Food Stores*

Baltimore County and Howard County Police have joined forces to ask for the public's help in identifying the suspect in a string of bank robberies in Baltimore, Howard, and Charles Counties in Maryland. This same suspect has also robbed banks in Fairfax and Prince William Counties in Virginia.

In the most recent case, which occurred September 18 in Howard County, the man entered the Chevy Chase Bank inside the Giant grocery store in the 7200 block of Cradlerock Way in Columbia. He approached a teller around 2:30 p.m., implied a weapon and demanded cash. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of money and fled the bank. No one was injured in the incident.

In Baltimore County, the same suspect robbed the Provident Bank inside the Shoppers Food Warehouse located in the 5400-block of Baltimore National Pike, 21229, on August 26 at 2:50 p.m. The suspect approached the counter at the Provident Bank, and demanded money from the teller. The suspect was given an undisclosed amount of cash and ran out of the store.

On April 8 at 11:20 a.m., the same suspect entered the Shoppers Food & Pharmacy located in the 11200-block of Reisterstown Road, 21117. He walked up to the counter at the Provident Bank inside the store. He demanded money from the teller and was given an undisclosed amount of cash. He then ran out of the store.

Detectives believe the suspect is responsible for other robberies of banks inside food stores in the following counties, in addition to Baltimore and Howard:

- Charles County, Maryland
- Prince William County, Virginia
- Fairfax County, Virginia

Investigators from all jurisdictions are working together in a joint effort to identify the suspect in these robberies.

The suspect is described as a black male, 25-35 years old, 5'3"-5'7" tall, 125-150 pounds, with a light complexion and thin build.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020 or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7-LOCKUP (1-866-756-2587). Those calling Metro Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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Editor's Note: Photos were distributed to media outlets via email.

