



# NEWS RELEASE

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Howard County Police, FBI Offer \$10,000 Reward for Bank Robber** *Suspect Believed to Have Robbed Eight Banks, Attempted to Rob Five More*

Howard County Police, jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore County Police, and Harford County Sheriff's Office, are searching for a man they believe is responsible for eight successful and five attempted bank robberies in the Baltimore Metropolitan area over the last 18 months. The law enforcement agencies are jointly offering up to a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the man's arrest.

The three most recent incidents occurred during a one-hour time frame on Oct. 26 in Ellicott City. At approximately 5:50 p.m. the suspect entered the First Mariner Bank located in the 8800 blk. of Center Park Drive and demanded cash. When the teller failed to comply, he fled. At 6:10 p.m., he entered the Suntrust Bank, located inside the Safeway store in the 4300 block of Montgomery Road. He again demanded cash and was turned down. At 6:30 p.m., he entered another Suntrust Bank, located inside a Safeway store in the 10000 blk. of Baltimore National Pike, and was successful at obtaining an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspect is also believed to be responsible for a successful bank robbery on Oct. 20 at the Provident Bank, located inside of the Walmart store in the 3200 blk. of North Ridge Road in Ellicott City. Approximately an hour earlier on the same day, he attempted to rob the Chevy Chase Bank inside the Giant in the 6000 blk. of Marshalee Drive, Elkrigde.

The other eight cases that the suspect is believed to be responsible for took place between April 14, 2005 and April 15, 2006. Three of those incidents took place in Baltimore County, four in Howard County and one in Harford County.

The suspect is described as a black male, late 30's or early 40's, approximately 6'02" with a thin to medium build. He has black and gray facial hair, broken and crooked teeth with a large gap between his top front teeth. He has worn sunglasses, baseball caps and a coat in most of the incidents. He was seen fleeing on several occasions in a 2002 or 2003 model dark gray Nissan Maxima with tinted windows.

Police are releasing photos and a matrix detailing the bank robberies in hopes that someone will recognize the suspect and contact authorities. Anyone with information should call the Howard County Police Department at 410-313-3200.

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# Bank Robbery Matrix

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## *BANK ROBBERIES* **04/14/05 thru 10/26/06**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>ADDRESS (listed in hundred blocks)</b>
04/14/05	1642	1 <sup>st</sup> Financial	7900 Belair Rd, Balt. Co.
05/08/05	1130	Hopkins Federal	1700 Reisterstown Rd, Balt. Co.
05/09/05*	1119	American Bank	Superfresh – 3300 North Ridge Rd, Howard Co.
01/14/06	1017	Provident	Walmart – 3200 North Ridge Rd, Howard Co.
01/20/06	1334	Fraternity Federal	8400 US 40, Howard Co.
02/08/06*	1650	Provident	Walmart - 400 Constant Friendship Blvd, Harford Co.
03/17/06	1653	Eastern Savings	7900 Belair Rd, Balt. Co.
04/15/06	1330	American Bank	Superfresh - 3300 North Ridge Rd, Howard Co.
10/20/06 *	1625	Chevy Chase	Giant – 6000 Marshalee Dr, Howard Co.
10/20/06	1737	Provident	Walmart - 3200 North Ridge Rd, Howard Co.
10/26/06*	1749	1 <sup>st</sup> Mariner	8800 Centre Park Dr, Howard Co.
10/26/06*	1812	Suntrust	Safeway – 4300 Montgomery Rd, Howard Co.
10/26/06	1828	Suntrust	Safeway – 10000 US 40, Howard Co.

\*indicates an attempted robbery