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## **Police arrest bank robbery suspect Francis Tugwell**

Howard County Police have arrested bank robbery suspect Francis James Tugwell following the May 6 robbery of a PNC Bank in the 15900 block of Old Frederick Road in Woodbine.

Tugwell, 43, of various addresses, has been charged with armed robbery, robbery and theft.

At around 11:20 a.m., the suspect entered the bank, handed the teller a note, implied he had a gun, and demanded money. The teller complied, provided an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect left the bank. No one was injured.

Through investigation, detectives identified Tugwell as a suspect. He was arrested on May 10 in Carroll County and is being held at the Howard County Detention Center on \$150,000 bond.

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