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PRESS RELEASE

Horizon Drive Bank Robbery Update

Stolen dirt bike may be involved; photos of suspect released

(Grand Junction, CO) – Grand Junction Police are investigating whether a stolen Honda dirt bike found near the scene of yesterday's bank robbery at First National Bank of the Rockies at 685 Horizon Drive may be connected to the theft. Investigators are also releasing bank surveillance photos in hope that the public may recognize the robber.

Dirt Bike Found Nearby

Shortly after the robbery on Thursday, October 5th, officers tracking the suspect located a Honda dirt bike in a ditch behind nearby Pantuso's restaurant. Detectives determined that the bike was reported stolen to the Grand Junction Police Department on Monday, October 1st. A preliminary investigation indicates the robber may have attempted to use the dirt bike to leave the area.

Anyone who has information about the stolen dirt bike or may have seen the suspect (description below) riding a dirt bike before the robbery is asked to call non-emergency dispatch at 242-6707.

Surveillance Photos (*see page 2 for photos*)

An updated suspect description is being released, based on bank surveillance photos obtained by investigators. Initially the suspect was believed to have worn a matching, dark blue jogging suit. Photos show that the suspect was wearing a dark blue jacket with a vertical white stripe along the sides of the jacket, and white pants with dark blue vertical stripes along the side seams.

Suspect Description:

- Hispanic Male in his 30s
- 6'0" tall, approx. 220 pounds
- Medium build
- Scars (possibly burn scars) on his left cheek and tan-colored bandages wrapped around both arms and hands.
- Last seen wearing a dark blue or black beanie cap on his head (possibly with a white stripe), white jogging pants with blue stripes, a dark blue jacket with white vertical stripes.

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Incident Recap

Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th, 911 dispatch received a call from an employee at First National Bank of the Rockies at 685 Horizon Drive, alerting them to a robbery a few minutes before. Officers and detectives responding to the scene learned that a man walked into the bank, and handed a teller a note indicating that he had a bomb. The suspect then left the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of money.

Bank Surveillance Photos
First National Bank of the Rockies
685 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction



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