

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE SOUGHT IN IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING MANALAPAN BANK ROBBER**

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Law enforcement authorities are seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating the individual who committed a bank robbery in Manalapan Township, N.J., on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

At approximately 1:34 P.M. on January 27, 2010, the Manalapan Township Police Department responded to the Wachovia Bank branch located at the intersection of Craig Road and Route 9 South in Manalapan Township following a report that a bank robbery had just been committed at that location.

The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, the Manalapan Township Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately commenced a joint investigation into the robbery. The preliminary results of the investigation revealed that a lone individual entered the bank and passed a note to a teller. The note demanded money and stated that the suspect possessed a gun. No weapon was brandished during the robbery. The robber was given an undisclosed amount of currency and he then departed the bank on foot.

The robber is described as a white male in his late 40's or early 50's, approx. 5'09" or 5'10" tall and overweight, and wearing a mustache. The suspect was last seen wearing a blue baseball cap, prescription eyeglasses and a black Champion pullover style hooded sweatshirt.

Digital images of the robber which were recorded during today's robbery are attached to this News Release. The attached images are being provided in order to assist members of the public in ascertaining whether they can assist law enforcement authorities in identifying or locating the individual depicted in the images. Any member of the public in possession of information regarding the bank robbery or the robber's identity or current location is asked to call Detective Michael Clancy of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office at 1- 800/ 533-7443, Detective Eric Schmidt of the Manalapan Township Police Department at 732-446-4300 and/or Special Agent R.J. Gallagher of the Red Bank Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 732-741-0006.

**Members of the public who believe that they know the current location of the individual who committed today's robbery should not make any attempt to apprehend the individual themselves. Rather, the local police department or other local law enforcement authorities should be contacted by immediately telephoning "911."**

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