

# NEWS RELEASE

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

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The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating the individual who committed a bank robbery in Fair Haven, N.J., on the evening of Friday, August 20, 2010.

At approximately 7:45 P.M. on August 20, 2010, the Fair Haven Police Department responded to the TD Bank located in the Acme shopping center on River Road in Fair Haven following a report that a bank robbery had just been committed at that location.

The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, the Fair Haven 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. No weapon was brandished during the robbery, but the note threatened that the robber was armed with a gun. The robber was given an undisclosed amount of currency before he departed the bank on foot heading in a westerly direction through the parking lot.

**Preliminary reports provided to and released by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office described the robber as being approximately 5 feet 6 inches in height. That information was incorrect. The robber is described as being "at least 6 feet in height."**

The robber is more particularly described as a black male, medium skin, approximately 140 to 150 pounds in weight, between his mid 20's to early 30's in age. The robber was wearing blue jeans, a red zip-up jacket, a wig, a hat and sunglasses. The robber also had a beige satchel in his possession.

A digital image of the robber which was recorded during the robbery accompanies this News Release. The attached image is 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 Jose Cruz of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office at 1- 800/ 533-7443, Detective John

Koetzner of the Fair Haven Police Department at 732/ 747-0241 ext. 329 and/or Special Agent Shawn Brokos of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Red Bank Field Office at 732/ 741-0006.

Members of the public who believe that they know the current location of the individual who committed the robbery should not make any attempt to apprehend the individual themselves. Rather, a local law enforcement agency should be contacted by immediately telephoning "911."

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