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South Kitsap Bank Robbery

Port Orchard, Wash. -- An unidentified male approached a young teller inside a branch of the Bank of America as the bank opened for business this morning, and handed the teller a note which demanded a sum of money. The note also indicated that the male suspect had a gun and that he didn't want to hurt innocent people.

The teller gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money and the male immediately left the store on foot. He was last seen heading eastbound out of the shopping center parking area.

Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies responded to the bank located inside the Safeway Store at 3355 Bethel Road SE, South Kitsap, following a 10:04 a.m. emergency call placed to CenCom (9-1-1 dispatch) that a robbery had just occurred. The first deputy arrived on-scene at 10:06 a.m. Additional deputies and officers from Port Orchard Police Department arrived shortly thereafter and containment of the area was set.

No one was injured during the course of the robbery.

A description of the suspect was provided as:

- Black male, aged between 20 – 30 years old, tall with a thin build.
- Attired in dark-colored coat, yellow or tan colored shirt, blue jeans and white colored athletic shoes.
- Wearing eye glasses.

One individual was located inside a nearby office supply store who closely matched the description provided by the teller. He was detained pending further investigation but subsequently released, when it was determined that his physical description, although similar in appearance, was not that of the suspect.

Sheriff's detectives arrived at the scene and initiated crime scene processing. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information concerning this crime is asked to contact Sheriff's Detectives Mike Rodrigue or Fel Abille, at (360) 337-7101 or 337-7111.

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