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Bloomington Police Arrest Bank Robbery Suspect

On September 24, 2024, at approximately 11:47 a.m., officers with the Bloomington Police Department responded to the Jackson County Bank, located at 2421 S Walnut Street, in reference to a hold-up alarm. Upon the arrival of officers, it was reported that the bank had indeed just been robbed by a man wearing a face-covering that was believed to have fled eastbound from the bank on foot after receiving cash from a bank employee. The employee stated that the suspect approached the counter and handed her a note which told her to act normal and to give him money. The suspect was given cash and then fled from the bank.

Investigators located a path that leads to Timber Ridge Apartments from the area behind the bank. In checking area surveillance camera footage, a vehicle was identified as likely being involved. Investigators utilized Flock license plate readers and were able to determine that the vehicle was indeed in the area around the time of the robbery and identified the owners of the vehicle using the license plate number. On the morning of September 26th, the vehicle was located and stopped by officers. The suspect was not in the vehicle when it was stopped, but investigators were able to identify him as Charles Strevels.

A search warrant was executed at the residence of Strevels on September 26th, but he was not located. However, an arrest warrant was issued for his arrest on September 27th. On the morning of October 2nd, Strevels contacted the lead detective by telephone and

requested to meet with officers to turn himself in. Officers responded to the area of Bloomfield Road and Patterson Drive, where they located Strevels and he was taken into custody without incident.

After an interview, Charles L. Strevels (DOB 12/06/1979) was transported to the Monroe County Jail and remanded to jail custody for the following charge:

- Robbery, level 5 felony

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Under Indiana law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

A booking photo of Strevels may be obtained by contacting the Monroe County Jail.