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Bloomington Police Arrest Bank Robbery Suspect

At approximately 3:50 p.m. on December 19th, 2023, officers with the Bloomington Police Department responded to the IU Credit Union, located at 510 E 17th Street, for a panic alarm. Upon the arrival of officers, it was learned that the bank had just been robbed. The suspect was described as a man wearing a tan coat, black pants, and a dark-colored face covering. He had last been seen leaving the bank headed southbound on foot.

Officers checked the area to the south of the bank, but were unable to locate the suspect. Investigators arrived and began speaking with bank employees about the robbery. It was reported that the suspect had entered the bank and approached the teller counter, where he then handed a note across the counter to a bank employee. Once the man was given money from the employee's drawer, he fled southbound from the bank.

Investigators located the name of Byron Johnson on the back of the piece of paper that the suspect had handed the bank employee. Upon searching police records, it was determined that Johnson matched the physical descriptors that the bank employee had provided to the first responding officers. The suspect also matched the descriptors provided to officers by an employee of the Circle K gas station, located at 4405 E Third Steet, in the early morning hours of December 19th when the employee reported a robbery of the gas station at approximately 1:00 a.m.

Investigators searched BMV records and learned that Johnson had a black 2011 Chevrolet Equinox registered to him. Officers immediately began looking for the suspect's vehicle at various locations around Bloomington, but initially failed to locate it. However, at approximately 9:20 a.m. on the morning of December 20th, Johnson's vehicle was located in the parking lot of Kinser Flats at 1610 N Kinser Pike. Byron Johnson was inside the vehicle when officers approached it and he was taken into custody without incident. While being searched, an officer noted that Johnson dropped a sock and attempted to conceal it with his foot. The officer retrieved the sock and observed that it had a large amount of cash in it.

Johnson was transported to the Bloomington Police Department for an interview. Once the interview was complete, Byron Gregory Johnson (35, transient) was transported to the Monroe County Jail and remanded for the following charges.

In reference to the robbery of the Circle K gas station:

- Robbery, level 5 felony
- Theft, class A misdemeanor

In reference to the robbery of the IU Credit Union:

- Robbery, level 5 felony
- Intimidation, level 6 felony
- Theft, class A misdemeanor

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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 Johnson may be obtained by contacting the Monroe County Jail.