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Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested

Arrested Suspect: William Richard Kane, III, W/M, DOB of 03/18/61, last known address of 1922 Montego Court, Oldsmar, FL

At about 1015 a.m. this morning Kane called for police assistance from outside the Wells Fargo Bank at 4125 4th Street North.

Upon their arrival officers spoke to Kane who cited depression, drug addiction and suicidal thoughts as his reason for calling the police and requesting their help.

Kane quickly admitted that because of his drug addiction he was planning to rob the Wells Fargo Bank and that he had robbed two other banks in the previous two days.

Kane was taken into custody and detectives determined that he was responsible for yesterday’s robbery to the Chase Bank, at 7360 US Hwy 19 N in Pinellas Park and the robbery to the First Bank at 6850 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg on September 26th. Kane has made admissions to both robberies.

Kane has a several prior robbery convictions and was last released from state prison in 2008.

Kane is being charged with two counts of armed robbery

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Detectives Release Video of Bank Robbery

Suspect Description: W/M, early 40’s, dark short close cut hair, camouflage ball cap, black tank top with design on front, denim shorts, large sunglasses.

On Wednesday, September 26th at about 11:30 a.m., the above described suspect entered the First Bank at 6850 Central Avenue and walked up to the front counter. The suspect then showed the teller a note implying he had a gun and demanding money. The suspect was given money from the till and then bank fled on foot. Neither firearm nor a suspect vehicle was ever seen.

A bank robbery took place earlier this morning in Pinellas Park’s jurisdiction that may involve the same suspect.
St. Petersburg Police are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying the suspect in this case. Anyone with information should call the non-emergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

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