

BANK ROBBERY BULLETIN

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1997 Wheeling (WV) robbery



1995 West Palm Beach (FL) robbery

Robbery

WESBANCO, Woodsdale Branch, 835 National Road, Wheeling, WV, Friday, 03/21/1997, 9:12 a.m.

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Armed bank takeover. Subject robbed teller and also took money being counted by a bank officer. Brandished a large semi-automatic pistol equipped with laser sights (he put the red dot on the victim teller's chest). Wore a police scanner attached to his belt. Put money in a dark cloth bag with drawstring. After getting the money, subject took a bank employee's car keys, forced that employee to exit the bank with him, and then made his getaway in the employee's personal vehicle (leaving the employee at the bank). The employee's vehicle was abandoned a short distance from the bank. He may possibly have switched into a small white pickup truck. Subject was very calm, commanding, and professional throughout the robbery. The same subject is believed to have robbed a bank in West Palm Beach, FL, 2 years earlier on 01/13/1995. (Photos from Florida robbery are also shown.) **ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

Description

Male, white, 30 - 35 years, 5'10" - 6'0", medium to stocky build, black hair (possibly a wig), short full beard and mustache which were lighter in color than subject's head hair, dark-frame clear-lens glasses; wore a black cowboy hat with brim turned down in front, with round silver medallions around hatband; gray business suit, white shirt, and tie; cowboy boots; **possibly wearing body armor.** Carried large automatic with laser sights.

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