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Efficient Bank Robber Says Nothing, Leaves No Note, Takes More Than \$6K in Roughly 3 Minutes

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At about 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, it wasn't out of the ordinary for a masked male to enter People's Bank at Goodwives Shopping Center. Not during the pandemic.

What was out of the ordinary was when he jumped over the counter and began taking cash from the bank drawers — and committing, so far at least, a successful bank robbery — without saying anything or even passing a note.

Darien police describe the robber as white, wearing a black mask, black hooded sweatshirt, neon orange hat and cargo pants. He entered the bank through the front door. Once he had the money, he immediately left.

The bank later determined that a total of \$6,336 was taken from two drawers.

The robbery only took minutes: Police said the robber went in the bank at "approximately 12:30 p.m." and police were called to the scene at "approximately 12:33 p.m."

Darien police detectives went to the scene to process it for evidence, and an investigation is continuing, a police news release said on Tuesday.

"There is no other information to be released at this time," the news release said.

What Wasn't in the Police Announcement

Among the information police didn't give out, if they had it: whether there is a security camera recording of the incident; whether the male is a teenage boy or adult; what color hair the robber had (if hair could be seen under the neon orange hat); anything about his build (thin? heavy?); his height; what direction he went when he left the bank or anything about a vehicle he may have used; whether he displayed any kind of weapon.

Past police reports of bank robbers, when police or others see them leaving banks, frequently mention that the robbers head for highways. The nearest highway entrance to the bank is the northbound on-ramp just before Exit 13. But at that time of day, on Christmas Eve (a Friday) I-95 would be full of traffic.