



PRESS RELEASE

Case #13-507201

Sheriff's Deputies Capture Bank Robber

May 18, 2013—Washington County Deputies capture a man who is believed to have committed two bank robberies in Washington County. He was captured as he was preparing to commit a third robbery.

On May 17, 2013, at about 11:11 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Umpqua Bank located at 7365 NW Barnes Road concerning a suspicious person. Bank employees reported a black BMW driven by a man with a mask and gloves on who had circled the parking lot a few times then would speed away. They reported this is the same type of vehicle that was used in a December 6, 2012 robbery of their bank. An assault rifle was displayed during the December 2012 robbery.

Multiple Sheriff's Deputies converged to the area, but they were unable to locate the vehicle. Investigators were becoming concerned as the bank robber seemed to become more brazen, and they were fearful for the safety of the bank employees and citizens.



Today, May 18, 2013, at about 9:39 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Chase Bank located at 7515 NW Barnes Road concerning a suspicious person. Chase Bank employees reported seeing a black BMW matching the description from the Umpqua Bank the day before drive into their parking lot. This is also the type of vehicle that was used to rob the Chase Bank back on October 11, 2012. No weapon was displayed during the October robbery.

The two banks are located across the street from each other in the same business complex on NW Barnes Road in the community of West Haven, an area of the [Enhanced Sheriff's](#)

[Patrol District](#) (ESPD).

Multiple Sheriff's Deputies again converged to the area to locate the BMW. A Traffic Safety Team Deputy riding a motorcycle spotted the BMW on NW Barnes Road as it sped down NW 84th Avenue in an apparent attempt to avoid apprehension. The BMW stopped as it reached a dead-end road. The driver, Bradley Houtman, 25, was detained without incident. Sheriff's Deputies found a significant amount of evidence including an assault rifle inside the vehicle.

Washington County Violent Crimes Detectives began assisting with the investigation. Sheriff's Detectives processed the evidence and conducted thorough interviews. Washington County Sheriff's Detectives believe Mr. Houtman is the person responsible for the October and December 2012 bank robberies. They also believe Mr. Houtman was preparing to commit a third bank robbery. Detectives believe Mr. Houtman would place a stolen Oregon license plate on his vehicle, rob the banks, and then remove the license plate. Bradley Houtman is originally from Minnesota although he has recently been living at an apartment on NW Miller Road that is close to the banks that were robbed.

Bradley Houtman was lodged in the Washington County Jail where he is held without bail facing federal charges for Bank Robbery.