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## Good old-fashioned police work results in bank robber's arrest

**Case Number:** 2008-4-01407  
**Date:** 05106/08  
**Time:** 10:32 a.m.  
**Location:** 1050 Virginia Avenue (Bank Atlantic)

**Suspect:** Wilburn Clay Bowling  
**D.O.B./Age:** 05/23/62/45  
**Address:** Homeless  
**Status:** Arrested  
**Charges:** robbery

**Narrative:** Witness cooperation and good old fashioned police work is credited with the swift arrest of a bank robber who involved some unsuspecting accomplices in his plot.

It took police officers approximately 30 minutes to apprehend the suspect, who walked into the Bank Atlantic, 1050 Virginia Avenue, and demanded an undisclosed amount of money. About 10 a.m., the suspect entered the bank and stood for about 30 minutes near where the deposit and withdrawal slips are kept for customer use. The suspect approached a teller and presented a note demanding money. After receiving the money, the suspect left the scene.

Working together with witnesses, who provided descriptions of vehicles leaving the scene, and bank personnel, who provided surveillance video, police were able to identify the vehicle as a late model brown Toyota Camry with damage to the rear bumper. Within minutes of the description of the suspect vehicle being dispatched to officers, the vehicle was spotted at a rooming house, located at 1116 Orange Avenue.

The suspect, the driver of the vehicle and the owner of the car were located in Apartment 4 and taken into custody. After speaking with the three individuals, detectives determined that the driver and the vehicle's owner were not aware of the suspect's plan to rob the bank. They were both released and will not be charged.

The suspect was subsequently arrested and is being charged with robbery. The suspect was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail without incident.

The arrest affidavit is attached.

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