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Accused bank robber captured following traffic stop

Suspect Shahryar Russell

A Shreveport man wanted in connection with multiple bank robberies lands behind bars following his arrest Tuesday afternoon amid a traffic stop along a stretch of Interstate 20.

Just after 11:15 a.m. on September 12, 2017, Shreveport Police patrol officers were called to the Bancorp South bank located in the 1200 block of North Market Street relative to an armed robbery of the business. As officers arrived at the scene of the crime, information was relayed to officers that a male suspect, armed with a handgun, entered the business and demanded cash from one of the tellers. The man, who was not wearing a facial covering at the time of the heist, was successful in making off with an undisclosed amount of currency from the teller's cash drawer. The armed bandit left the bank of foot, and was last seen driving away in a silver colored Volvo sedan. No injuries were reported.

Detectives with Shreveport Police Department's Robbery Task Force were called to the scene to investigate the matter. During this time, information was presented to authorities advising that a car matching the description of that used by the armed robber was observed traveling along Interstate 20 westbound past Monkhouse Drive. Patrolmen responded to the area, and based on additional evidence obtained, conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, which yielded a man fitting the clothing and physical description of the bank robber. Upon further investigation, it was learned the driver and sole occupant of the car was 43 year old Shahryar Russell, of the 7100 block of Karen Street in Shreveport. Russell was detained at the scene of the traffic stop until it was determined that evidence of the bank robbery was located inside the silver Volvo he was driving. Upon discovery of the evidence inside Russell's car, he was arrested and taken to Shreveport Police headquarters where he was interviewed relative to his alleged role in the crime. Additionally, investigators learned Russell was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant through the Dallas FBI office for a bank robbery in their jurisdiction. Following subsequent interviews with detectives, Russell was transported to the Shreveport City Jail where he was booked on a single count of Armed Robbery with a Firearm, along with the outstanding fugitive warrant through the Dallas FBI office.