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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED SECOND SUSPECT SOUGHT

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (June 8, 2012) - A suspect in the robberies of three area banks was arrested by members of the Lower Providence Township Police Department in a residence in the 1000 block of Tree Street in Philadelphia shortly after 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 7, 2012.

The suspect, David Alan Sprintz, 35 years of age, of the 1000 block of Tree Street in Philadelphia, was taken into custody as police were investigating leads developed from the robbery of a Citizens Bank branch located at 2806 Audubon Village Drive in the Audubon Village Shopping Center in Lower Providence Township. The robbery took place at 11:20 A.M. on Thursday, June 7, 2012. Sprintz was located hiding behind a washer and dryer in the basement as police conducted a search of the Tree Street residence.

Witness information relating to the vehicle that was used by the suspect to flee the scene of the robbery on June 7, 2012 directed police to the neighborhood in Philadelphia. The vehicle was located in the 1000 block of Tree Street by detectives from the Lower Providence Township Police Department, members of the Philadelphia Police Department Major Crimes Unit and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The vehicle was impounded for processing.

Sprintz allegedly participated in the robberies of a PNC Bank located at 1111 Pawlings Road in the Audubon Village Shopping Center in Lower Providence Township at 9:26 A.M. on May 15, 2012, the robbery of an Ambler Savings Bank, 3009 Germantown Pike, Worcester Township at 10:05 A.M. on May 21, 2012 and the robbery of a Citizens Bank in Lower Providence Township at 11:20 A.M. on June 7, 2012.

Sprintz has been charged with Robbery, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, Criminal Conspiracy at Robbery, Simple Assault, Terroristic Threats and Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence. He was provided with a preliminary arraignment before Magisterial District Judge Cathleen Kelly Rebar. Bail was set at \$100,000.00. A preliminary hearing was set for June 13, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. before Magisterial District Judge Rebar. Sprintz was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in default of bail.

Additionally, a warrant has been issued for Kevin Gilchrist, 38 years of age, of the 1000 block of Tree Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148 charging him with conspiring with Sprintz in the commission of the robberies of the PNC Bank in Lower Providence Township on May 15, 2012 and the Ambler Savings Bank in Worcester Township on May 21, 2012. In both of those instances, it is alleged that Gilchrist entered the bank and presented a demand note to the teller indicating a robbery.

An attempt to arrest Gilchrist at his residence in the morning hours of June 8, 2012 by members of the Lower Providence Township Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Fugitive Task Force was unsuccessful. Efforts are continuing to locate and arrest Gilchrist.

The investigation of the three robberies was conducted by the Lower Providence Township Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police – Skippack Station, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation – Fort Washington.

There were no injuries sustained in any of the robberies that have been attributed to Sprintz and Gilchrist.

Lower Providence Township Police Chief Francis L. Carroll said, “The key point in this investigation was the awareness of a citizen seeing something that was out of the ordinary and immediately reporting it to the police. That, coupled with the level of professional cooperation demonstrated by all of the law enforcement personnel from the various agencies, directly resulted in the identification of the individuals involved in these crimes. With that being said, our work will not be done until the second suspect is in custody and both suspects are successfully prosecuted.”

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