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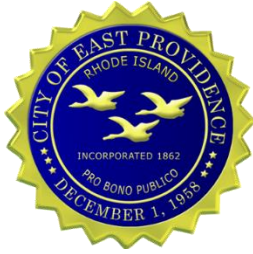
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East Providence police make arrests in bank robbery

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – On Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at approximately 10:36 a.m., East Providence Police responded to TD Bank at 440 Newport Ave. for the report of a bank robbery. When officers arrived, they learned that a male suspect showed a note to the teller which demanded cash. No weapon was shown by the suspect and an undetermined amount of money was taken from the bank. Members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions gathered evidence, viewed video footage and interviewed witnesses, learning the male suspect had fled the bank on foot across Newport Avenue.

Information was gathered regarding prior area bank robberies in the preceding weeks in which the same suspects were thought to be responsible. Later in the day, Sgt. Andrew Dubois spotted one of the vehicles thought to be involved in the series of bank robberies travelling on Interstate 195 East and conducted a motor vehicle stop. Further investigation revealed the two occupants



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were involved in the series of robberies in neighboring cities and close associates of the suspect in the robbery occurring at the TD Bank branch.

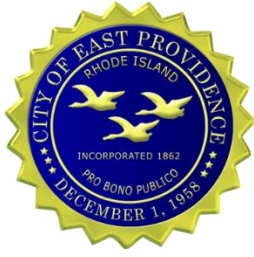
Also on February 8, Providence Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on a second involved vehicle, which led to the arrest of a suspect responsible for the robbery at the TD Bank in East Providence. As a result of this joint investigation by the East Providence Police Dept., Providence Police Dept., Pawtucket Police Dept. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, five bank robberies were solved; one in East Providence, three in Providence and one in Pawtucket.

This investigation was assisted by the Flock Safety camera system located in another community. Investigators were provided with valuable, actionable information from the system that played a pivotal role in solving these robberies.

The following individuals have been charged with the robbery that occurred in East Providence:

- Dashawn Diaz, age 22, a resident of Providence. Diaz is charged with one count of 2nd degree robbery and one count of conspiracy
- Terrence Lafauret, age 21, a resident of Providence. Lafauret is charged with one count of 2nd degree robbery and one count of conspiracy.





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