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(08-708687) On 2/29/2008 at about 1530 hours, a white male subject entered the Bank of America located 80 Mountain Road, Glen Burnie. The white male subject approached a teller position and produced a hand written note. The note indicated the subject was armed and demanded cash. Once an undetermined amount of cash was obtained from the teller, the suspect made good his escape.

(08-709247) On 3/4/2008 at about 1327 hours, a white male subject entered the BB&T Bank located 3030 Mountain Road, Pasadena. The white male subject approached a teller position and produced a hand written note. The note indicated the subject was armed and demanded cash. Once an undetermined amount of cash was obtained from the teller, the suspect made good his escape.

Noting the similarity in the suspect's physical description and the similar modus operandi, Robbery Unit detectives believed the aforementioned bank robberies were committed by the same individual. Still images from bank surveillance video were released to the media in the hopes some one would recognize the individual.

On 3/5/2008, while conducting routine patrol activities, a concerned citizen approached Officer Sasser of the Eastern District. This citizen advised Officer Sasser they had seen published photographs of the bank robbery suspect and believed the suspect to be a subject named Jason Lester. Upon receiving this information from Officer Sasser, Robbery Unit detectives immediately conducted additional investigative efforts. As a result of those efforts, a warrant was obtained charging Jason Lester having robbed both of the aforementioned banks.

Members of the Department's Special Enforcement Team were notified and immediately began attempting to locate Lester. At approximately 1415 hours on 3/5/2008, SET detectives located and arrested Lester. Lester is currently being held at the Anne Arundel County Detention Center.

Approving Supervisor



Jason Russell Lester
02/05/1977

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