Man Receives 10 Years in Prison for Bank Robberies

Mark Lunsford, 59, of Hamilton, Ohio pled guilty yesterday to three counts of robbery, felonies of the 2nd degree in front of Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy N. Tepe. Judge Tepe sentenced Lunsford to 10 years in prison.

From 2016 to 2019, Lunsford robbed three different Peoples Bank locations in Franklin, Springboro, and Carlisle. Lunsford walked into the banks and handed a note to the bank tellers stating that this was a robbery and demanding money so no one would be hurt. Bank surveillance cameras captured all of the robberies, however Lunsford was not able to be identified at the time of the incidents. The investigation into the robberies remained ongoing, and police were ultimately able to locate the vehicle Lunsford drove during the robberies. The vehicle contained the exact same clothing Lunsford wore during the robberies, as well as a note similar to the ones given to the tellers. Lunsford was located in Indiana and extradited back to Ohio to face these charges.

In addition to the prison sentence, Lunsford was ordered to pay back $13,942 in restitution to Peoples Bank.

"This investigation is a prime example of the ongoing collaboration we see on a regular basis from our local law enforcement agencies. Because of that collaboration, the identity of the robber was ultimately ascertained, and we were able to hold Lunsford accountable for these robberies," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell commended Detective Jeff Stewart of the Franklin Police Department, Detective Dustin Christian of the Springboro Police Department, Officer Zachary Meszaros of the Carlisle Police Department, Assistant Prosecutors John Arnold and Carrie Heisele and Legal Assistant Ginger Weigel for their work on the case.

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