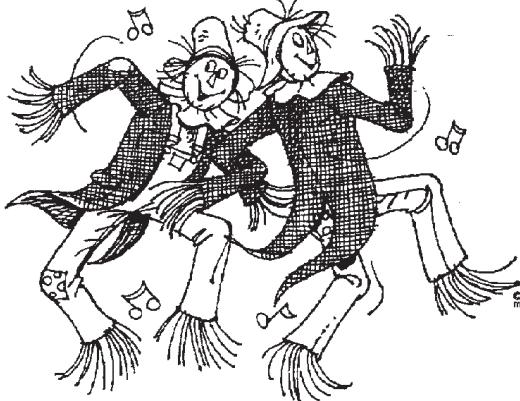


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Arrest made in Andrew robbery

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

A suspect in the robbery earlier this month of the Maquoketa State Bank branch in Andrew is in custody in Wisconsin.

Jason Anthony Brown, 30, who listed a Milwaukee, Wis., address, was charged this week with robbery in the first degree and joint criminal conduct.

The charge was filed Thursday, Sept. 16, in Jackson County Magistrate Court in connection with the Sept. 2 bank robbery.

Brown already was being held in custody in the Milwaukee County Jail in Milwaukee on an unrelated charge.

First-degree robbery is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison. The charge also is a forcible felony, which carries a mandatory minimum of 70 percent jail time of the imposed sentence.

A second suspect remains at large.

The two robbers escaped with approximately \$44,875, authorities said. None of the money has been recovered.

Depositors' funds at the bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

According to a Milwaukee County Jail spokesman, Brown was arrested on Monday, Sept. 13, on a felony charge of criminal damage to property. He was being held in lieu of \$3,500 bond on that count when he was served with the warrant on the robbery charge.

Jackson County Attorney Chris Raker and Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent Derek Riessen appeared before Jackson County Magistrate Mark Lawson late Wednesday, Sept. 15, with a complaint and affidavit charging Brown with first-degree robbery.

Lawson found probable cause for arrest and issued an arrest warrant, which was served on Brown on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Sheriff's deputy Steve Schroeder said Thursday that Brown will be held in Milwaukee until the charge there is settled.

After that is completed, Brown will have the option to contest or waive extradition to Iowa to face the robbery charge.

"If he waives (extradition), he'll be brought back. If he fights it, we'll go through the process," Schroeder said.

The robbery occurred at about 3:15 p.m. Sept. 2 when two men entered the bank at 16 W. Benton St. in Andrew. One of the men displayed a silver or chrome colored pistol at the lone employee on duty.

They went behind the counter, opening drawers and pulling out cash, then ran from the bank. The employee was not injured.

One of the robbers was described

as approximately 5 feet, 10 inches in height, medium build, short hair, two gold front teeth, dressed in a dark short-sleeve T-shirt and dark jeans. That man pulled out a silver or chrome pistol during the robbery, investigators said.

The second robber was described as approximately 5 feet, 6 inches in height with medium build, wearing a ball cap, shoulder-length dreadlock hair, skull cap under the ball cap and a dark colored T-shirt bearing the letter "X" on the front.

During the course of the robbery, one of the robbers dropped a black plastic bag on the floor of the bank. Fingerprints were later discovered on the plastic bag and on the front door of the bank, investigators said.

Fingerprints of Brown that were taken from an August 2009 arrest in Milwaukee were compared with the fingerprints found on the black plastic bag left at the bank and on the front door of the bank, according to court documents filed by Riessen.

One fingerprint on the bank door and prints from the plastic bag were positively identified by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation laboratory in Ankeny as Brown's fingerprints, according to court documents.

Investigators also interviewed Brown's former girlfriend, Lakisha Jones, in Maquoketa.

Jones positively identified Brown as being the shorter black male in both the bank robbery video and in surveillance video at K&K Gas and Food at Otter Creek, which was taken approximately 30 minutes before the bank robbery, court documents said.

The Otter Creek convenience store and service station is about a 15-minute drive from Andrew.

Jones also recognized Brown's favorite shirt, the shirt with the "X" on the front as well as his walk and mannerisms from the surveillance video, court documents said.

Brenda Jones, Lakisha Jones' sister, also was interviewed and positively identified Brown as being the shorter black male in the two surveillance videos.

Investigators still are seeking information on the second black male suspect and still are attempting to identify a woman seen in a surveillance video.

Information also is being sought on the dark or green Ford Explorer with Wisconsin license plates.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Iowa Intelligence Fusion Center and the Maquoketa, Bellevue and Milwaukee, Wis., police departments.



MSP photos by Kelly Gerlach

Flight feathers fly as David Hoffman of the Iowa DNR uses a scissor to clip this cygnet's flight feathers Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. Feathers on one wing are clipped so the bird is unable to fly away from home too soon. Trumpeter swan cygnets are typically able to fly about 105 days after they are born.

Feathers clipped on young trumpeters

By KELLY GERLACH

A mother protects its young. So when David Hoffman of the Department of Natural Resources entered the trumpeter swans' feeding pen and scooped up a baby swan, the mother swan hissed, spread her wings, and even slapped him on the arm.

But Hoffman and Jackson County Conservation officials were only protecting the swans...and actually removing five of the seven young cygnets from their home.

Hmm. Maybe Momma Swan did know best. Maybe her wrath was justified after all.

Hoffman, conservation officials, and other volunteers gathered up the county's seven cygnets at the Hurstville Interpretive Center late afternoon, Sept. 14, to clip the birds' flight feathers.

When the average cygnet is about 105 days old, it is typically able to fly. Most baby trumpeter swans are born in June, thus they are ready to fly by the end of September.

The seven cygnets at the interpretive center were born June 2, the third group hatched at the center since trumpeter swans were reintroduced to the area in January of 2005. They've been monitored closely ever since, especially by center visitors and passersby hoping to catch a glimpse of the family floating along the pond.

The ability and desire to fly is traditionally a good sign for the young swans. It means the cygnets are strong, healthy, and ready for independence.

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Momma Swan hisses and splays her wings at wildlife technician David Hoffman, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, as he removes one of her babies from the pen. The mother swan did not harm Hoffman, was simply trying to protect her young at the Hurstville Interpretive Center.