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Bond set at court appearance

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

One of two men whom authorities believe robbed the Andrew branch of Maquoketa State Bank in September has been returned to Jackson County to face charges.

Jason Anthony Brown, 30, of Milwaukee, Wis., waived extradition and was transported Tuesday, Dec. 14, from the Milwaukee County Jail, where he had been held since his arrest in mid-September, to Maquoketa.

He is being held in the Jackson County Detention Center on charges of robbery in the first degree and joint criminal conduct.

Jackson County sheriff's deputy Steve Schroeder and Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation special agent Matt George drove to Milwaukee Monday morning, Dec. 13.

They did further investigation into the robbery in Milwaukee on Monday and Tuesday and brought Brown with them back to Iowa Tuesday night.

At Brown's initial court appearance Wednesday morning, Dec. 15, Magistrate Mark Lawson set a cash bond of \$150,000. The bond amount was half again as high as the \$100,000 amount requested by county Attorney Chris Raker.

Lawson approved Brown's application for a court-appointed attorney. He appointed the Iowa Public Defender's Office to represent him.

On the application form for a court-appointed attorney, Brown stated that he earns about \$500 a month as a part-time laborer for a Milwaukee contractor.

Lawson also scheduled a preliminary hearing for Brown for 9:30 a.m. Thursday,

Dec. 23.

Lawson stipulated that if Brown posts the required bond and is released, he must be assigned a pretrial release officer.

He would be prohibited from leaving the state of Iowa without getting prior court approval.

Brown is charged in the robbery that occurred at about 3:15 p.m. Sept. 2 when two men entered the Maquoketa State Bank branch at 16 W. Benton St. in Andrew.

They went behind the counter, opening drawers and pulling out cash, then ran from the bank. One of the men displayed a handgun at the lone employee on duty. She was not injured.

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

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 found to match fingerprints found on the plastic bag and front door of the bank, investigators said.

Milwaukee County authorities said Brown was arrested in Milwaukee on Sept. 13 on a felony charge of criminal damage to property. He was held in Milwaukee until that charge was settled.

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



MSP photo by Douglas Melvold

Restrained in handcuffs, Jason Anthony Brown, 30, of Milwaukee, Wis., is escorted across South Niagara Street from the Jackson County Detention Center to the Courthouse for his initial court appearance Wednesday morning, Dec. 15. Brown waived extradition and was transported from Milwaukee to Maquoketa this week to face charges that he participated in the robbery of the Andrew branch of Maquoketa State Bank on Sept. 2.



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Snow total piles up before official start of winter

An end loader dumps a bucketful of snow in the bed of a dump truck as the bucket of a skid loader, top right, adds to the pile during snow clearing operations Thursday, Dec. 16, on a car lot of Brad Deery Motors of Maquoketa. The midweek snowfall added to the snow totals already recorded this month with winter not officially arriving until Tuesday, Dec. 21, and assuring the area of having a white Christmas as the holidays approach.